



WATCH OUT! IF THE MAN OF STEEL FAILS
TODAY, EARTH WON'T BE HERE TOMORROW!

Vol.1
No. 12

SUPERMAN



**"FATHER
NATURE'S FOLLY!"**

Friends,

In our issue Vol. No. 10, we presented a beautiful School Time-Table, which was colourfully designed and featured all your STAR Heroes.

This issue was sold out instantly, and I have received many letters from STAR COMICS readers that they not only missed out on their favourite SUPERMAN whom we featured in that issue, but also the colourful STAR COMICS School Time-Table.

I'm sorry if you missed that exciting issue, but for those of you who did, I present once again the STAR COMICS School Time-Table in colour (Page 19).

But next time, please rush to your news agent for your copy of STAR COMICS so you do not miss it. Remember, STAR COMICS is out in the market on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, and there'll be many, many more surprises in store for you.

With my good wishes,



Published by Rauf Ahmed for India Book House Pvt. Ltd., Mahalaxmi Chambers, 5th Floor, 22 Bhulabhai Desai Road, Bombay 26 under licence from D C Comics, Inc., Rockefeller Plaza, New York, U.S.A., issued through Mr. Sushil Malhotra, Famous Overseas, Inc., Barnett Avenue, Long Island, New York, U.S.A., and printed by him at IBH Printers, M.V. Road, Marol naka, Andheri East, Bombay 59.

Editor-in-Chief : **LATA VASVANI**
Circulation Manager : **S. D. MAVINKURVE**

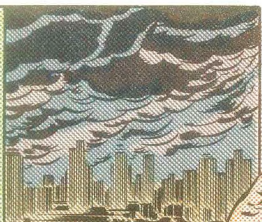
Subscriptions to STAR COMICS : Rs 84/- (add Rs 3/- for out-station cheques) for 24 issues to India Book House Magazine Company, 249 Dr. D. N. Road, Bombay 400 001. Phones: 264364, 264365.

ROCKETED AS A BABY FROM THE EXPLODING PLANET KRYPTON KAL-EL GREW TO MANHOOD ON EARTH-- WHOSE YELLOW SUN AND LIGHTER GRAVITY GAVE HIM FANTASTIC *SUPER-POWERS!* IN THE CITY OF METROPOLIS, HE POSES AS MILD-MANNERED NEWSMAN CLARK KENT-- BUT BATTLES EVIL ALL OVER EARTH--AND BEYOND--AS...

SUPERMAN

Created by
JERRY SIEGEL &
JOE SHUSTER

"BOYS AND GIRLS, I'M DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE A VERY DISTINGUISHED SPECIAL GUEST WILL BE COMING THROUGH OUR DOOR ANY MOMENT NOW..."



"HE IS AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE FROM SMALLVILLE ... BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL ALL RECOGNIZE HIS FAMOUS FACE AT A GLANCE..."



"... AND AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED-- HE IS TOPS IN HIS FIELD! FOR WITHOUT A DOUBT... NOBODY DOES IT BETTER!"

PRESENTING -- THE MOST
AWE-INSPIRING STORY OF THE YEAR--

"FATHER NATURE'S FOLLY!"

WRITER: CARY BATES
COLORIST: ADRIENNE ROY

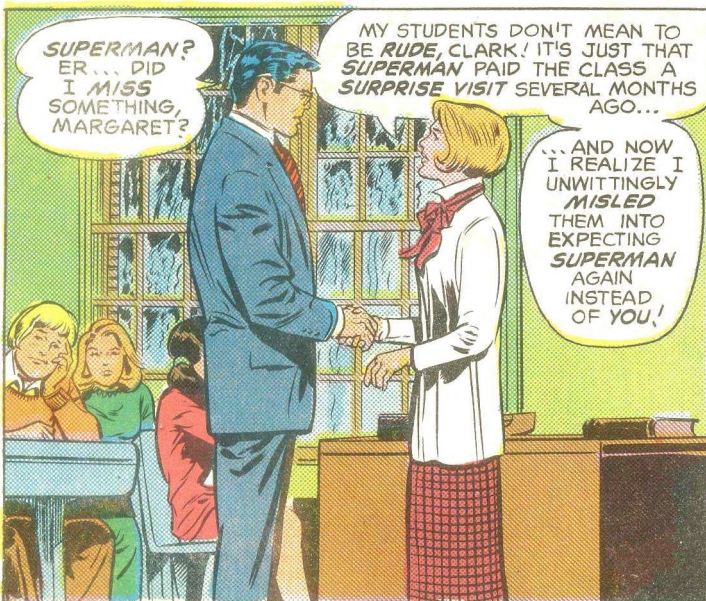
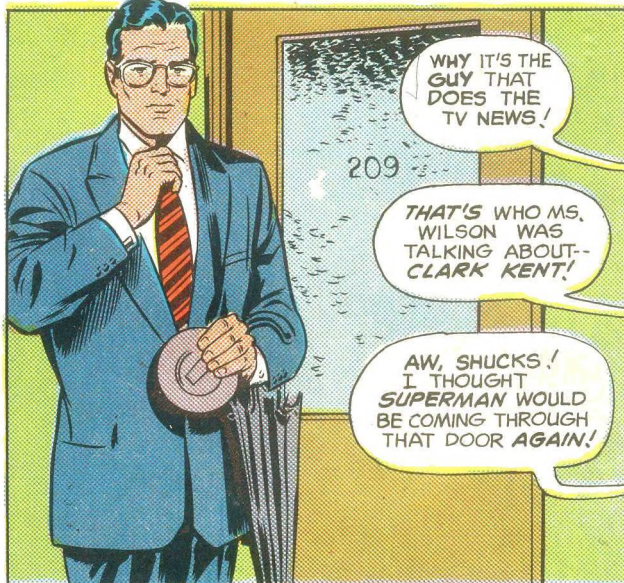
PENCILLER: CURT SWAN
LETTERER: BEN ODA

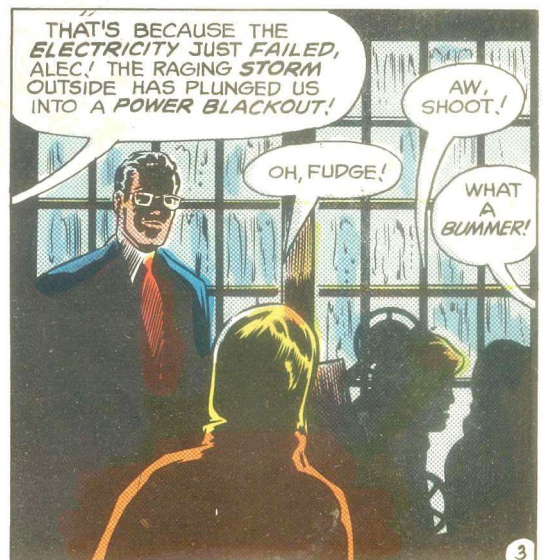
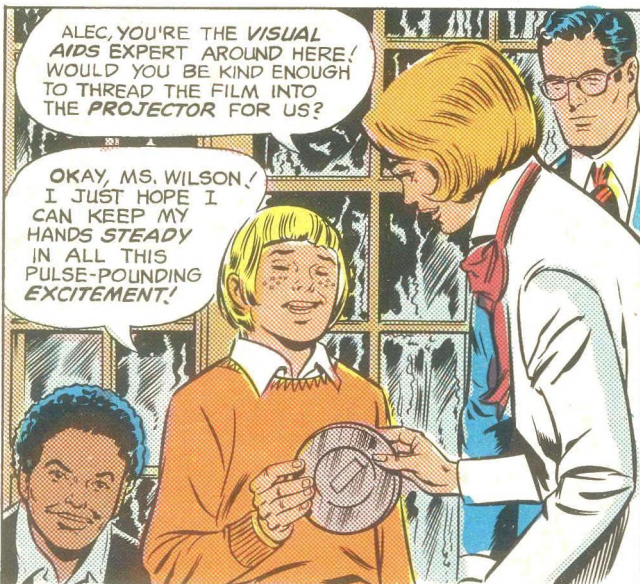
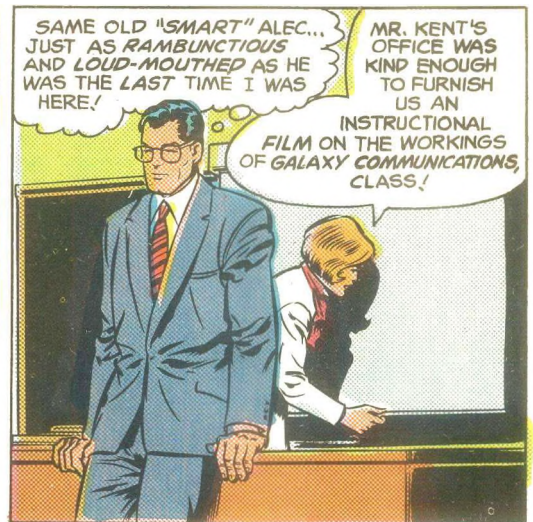
INKER: FRANK CHIARAMONTE
EDITOR: JULIUS SCHWARTZ

Copyright © 1981 by D C Comics, Inc. All rights reserved. Trademark SUPERMAN used by India Book House Pvt. Ltd., under authority.

The stories, characters and incidents mentioned in this magazine are entirely fictional. No actual persons, living or dead, are intended or should be inferred.

This periodical may not be sold except by authorized dealers and is sold subject to the conditions that it shall not be sold or distributed with any part of its cover or markings removed, nor in a mutilated condition, nor affixed to, nor as part of any advertising, literary or pictorial matter whatsoever.

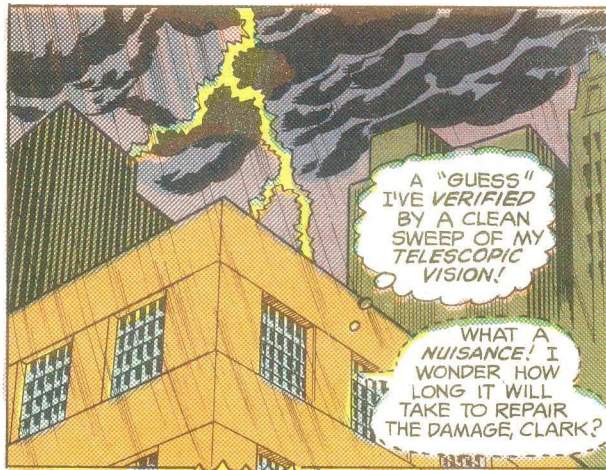




STEPPING AWAY FROM HER STUDENTS FOR A MOMENT-MARGARET WILSON CONSULTS WITH HER OLD FRIEND AND FELLOW **SMALLVILLE** HIGH GRADUATE...

CLARK, DO YOU THINK WE'RE THE ONLY BUILDING THAT'S BEEN AFFECTED?

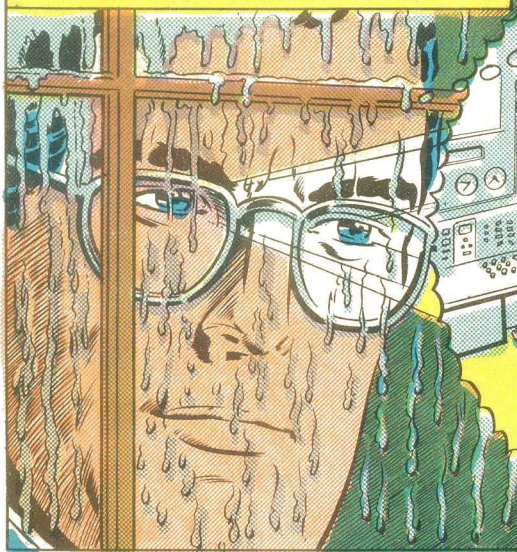
MY GUESS IS THE ENTIRE AREA HAS LOST ITS ELECTRICITY, MARGARET!



A "GUESS" I'VE VERIFIED BY A CLEAN SWEEP OF MY TELESCOPIC VISION!

WHAT A NUISANCE! I WONDER HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE, CLARK?

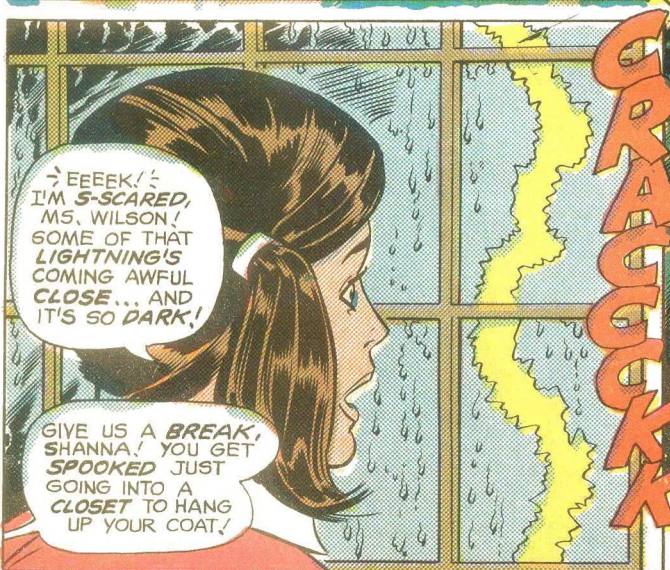
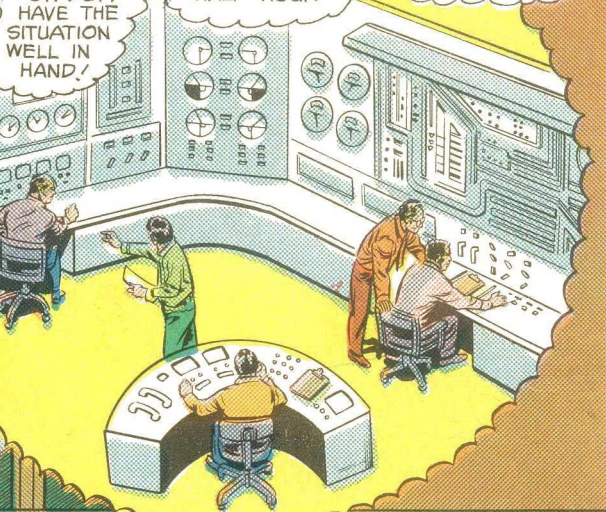
A QUESTION THE **MAN OF STEEL** SILENTLY ANSWERS AS HIS AMAZING SUPER-VISION ZOOES IN ON THE UPSTATE **POWER STATION** SERVING THE **METROPOLIS** AREA...



GOOD! THE TROUBLE-SHOOTERS ON DUTY HAVE THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND!

THE POWER OUGHT TO BE RESTORED WITHIN A HALF HOUR--

--WHICH MEANS THIS IS NOT A JOB FOR **SUPERMAN!**



EEEEK! I'M S-SCARED, MS. WILSON! SOME OF THAT LIGHTNING'S COMING AWFUL CLOSE... AND IT'S SO DARK!

GIVE US A BREAK, SHANNA! YOU GET SPOOKED JUST GOING INTO A CLOSET TO HANG UP YOUR COAT!

CRACKKK

POOR SHANNA'S NOT THE ONLY STUDENT STARTING TO GET A BIT UNEASY, CLARK!

DO YOU SUPPOSE YOU COULD FIND A WAY TO KEEP THEM OCCUPIED TILL THE LIGHTS GO BACK ON?



LEAVE IT TO ME, MARGARET! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS...?

MOMENTS LATER, AS THE FRIGHTFUL STORM CONTINUES TO RAGE OUTSIDE...

ALL RIGHT, CLASS, FACE FRONT! ASIDE FROM BEING AN ACE NEWSPAPER REPORTER AND A TOP TV-NEWSMAN...OUR SPECIAL GUEST ALSO HAPPENS TO BE A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF SUPERMAN!



SO WHILE WE SIT HERE IN THE DARK, WAITING FOR OUR LIGHTS...

... MR. KENT HAS GRACIOUSLY CONSENTED TO TELL US ABOUT ONE OF SUPERMAN'S LATEST ADVENTURES...JUST THE WAY SUPERMAN TOLD IT TO HIM!

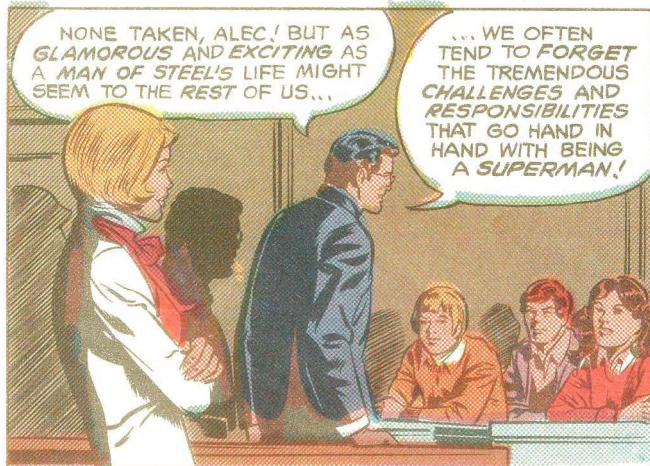
OH WOW, MS. WILSON!

I'LL SECOND THAT WOW! A STORY ABOUT SUPERMAN BEATS SEEING A FILM ABOUT THE DAILY PLANET ANY DAY!



ER... NO OFFENSE, MR. KENT!

NONE TAKEN, ALEC! BUT AS GLAMOROUS AND EXCITING AS A MAN OF STEEL'S LIFE MIGHT SEEM TO THE REST OF US...



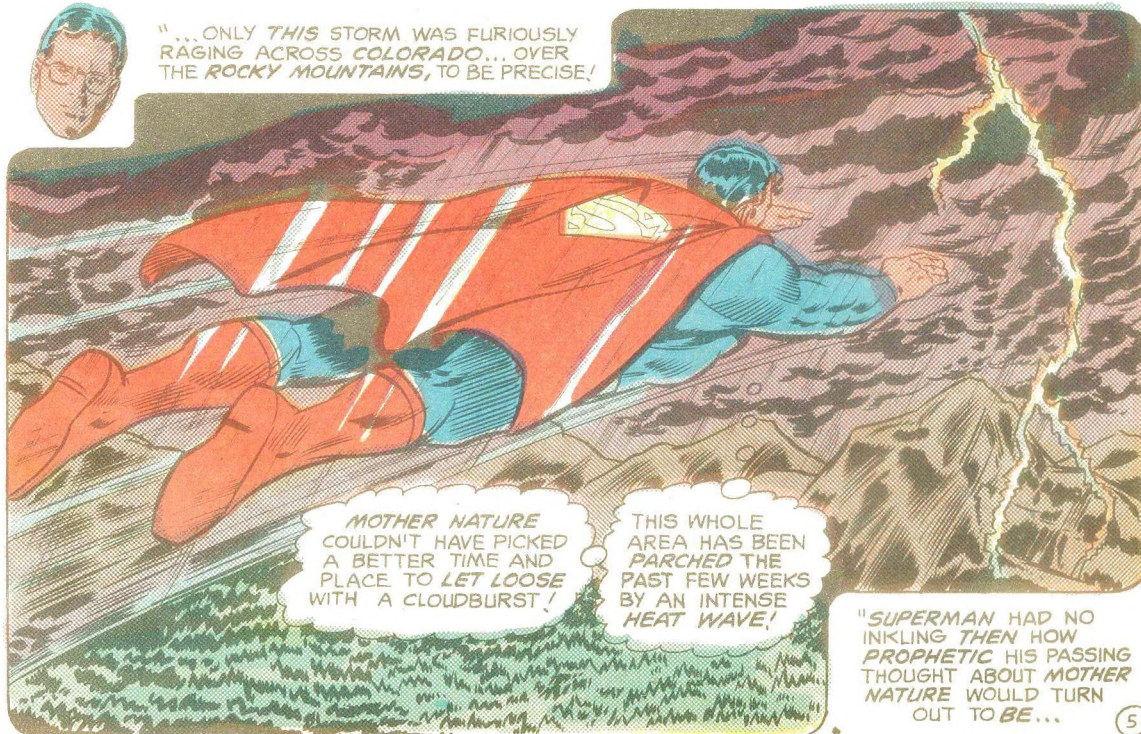
... WE OFTEN TEND TO FORGET THE TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT GO HAND IN HAND WITH BEING A SUPERMAN!

BUT I THINK THE STORY I'M ABOUT TO TELL WILL BETTER ILLUSTRATE MY POINT!



IRONICALLY ENOUGH, THIS PARTICULAR SUPERMAN ADVENTURE BEGAN IN THE MIDST OF A MAJOR STORM NOT UNLIKE THE ONE WE'RE IN NOW...

"... ONLY THIS STORM WAS FURIOUSLY RAGING ACROSS COLORADO... OVER THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, TO BE PRECISE!



MOTHER NATURE COULDN'T HAVE PICKED A BETTER TIME AND PLACE TO LET LOOSE WITH A CLOUDBURST!

THIS WHOLE AREA HAS BEEN PARCHED THE PAST FEW WEEKS BY AN INTENSE HEAT WAVE!

"SUPERMAN HAD NO INKING THEN HOW PROPHETIC HIS PASSING THOUGHT ABOUT MOTHER NATURE WOULD TURN OUT TO BE...

"...HOWEVER, MORE ABOUT THAT LATER!"

CERTAINLY NO JOBS
FOR SUPERMAN HERE...
SO I MIGHT AS WELL
CONTINUE EASTWARD
TILL I HIT
METROPOLIS!

"BUT BEFORE THE ACTION ACE COULD
CLEAR THE MOUNTAIN RANGE-- HE EN-
COUNTERED A SIGHT THAT STARTLED EVEN
HIS SUPER-EYES ...

GREAT
KRYPTON!
EITHER I'M
HALLUCINATING--

--OR THAT BOLT
OF LIGHTNING HAS
INSTANTANEOUSLY
TRANSFORMED A
CLUSTER OF PINE TREES
INTO A FOREST OF
UNEARTHLY GROWTHS!

"NATURALLY, SUPERMAN TOUCHED DOWN FOR
A CLOSER LOOK--VIA X-RAY VISION ...

JUST AS I THOUGHT!
THEY'RE COMPOSED OF
STRANGE ORGANIC COM-
POUNDS COMPLETELY
UNKNOWN IN THIS
GALAXY!

BUT HOW
COULD SUCH A
BIZARRE METAMORPHOSIS
TAKE PLACE...AND WHY?

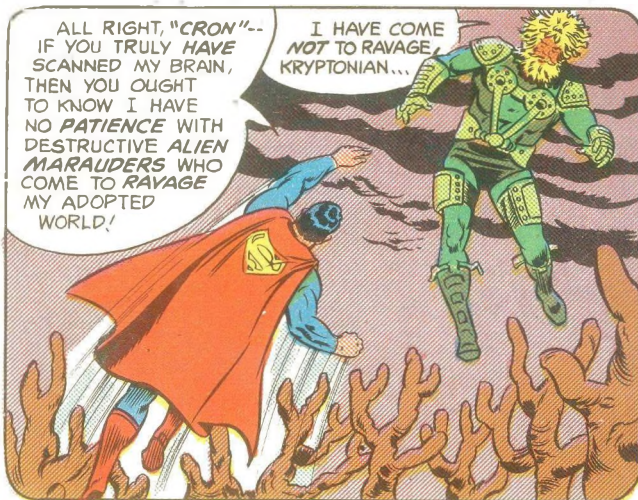
HOW?--
THROUGH
PRACTICE,
SUPERMAN!
AND AS
FOR THE
"WHY"--

EH--?
THAT
BOOMING
VOICE--

"A VOICE WHICH
BOOMED FROM THE
FEARSOME HOVERING
FORM OF AN ALIEN
WARRIOR...

YOU MAY ADDRESS
ME AS CRON! AFTER
SCANNING YOUR
BRAIN TO LEARN
HUMAN SPEECH-SOUNDS,
I FIND "CRON" IS THE
CLOSEST APPROXIMATION
TO MY NATIVE NAME!

"...A WARRIOR WHO EVIDENTLY
HAD THE POWER TO READ
SUPERMAN'S MIND!"



ALL RIGHT, "CRON"--
IF YOU TRULY HAVE
SCANNED MY BRAIN,
THEN YOU OUGHT
TO KNOW I HAVE
NO PATIENCE WITH
DESTRUCTIVE ALIEN
MARAUDERS WHO
COME TO RAVAGE
MY ADOPTED
WORLD!

I HAVE COME
NOT TO RAVAGE,
KRYPTONIAN...



... BUT TO RECTIFY
THE MISTAKES OF THE
PAST... AND RESHAPE
THIS PLANET SO THAT
IT WILL HAVE A FAR MORE
BOUNTIFUL FUTURE
IN EONS TO COME!

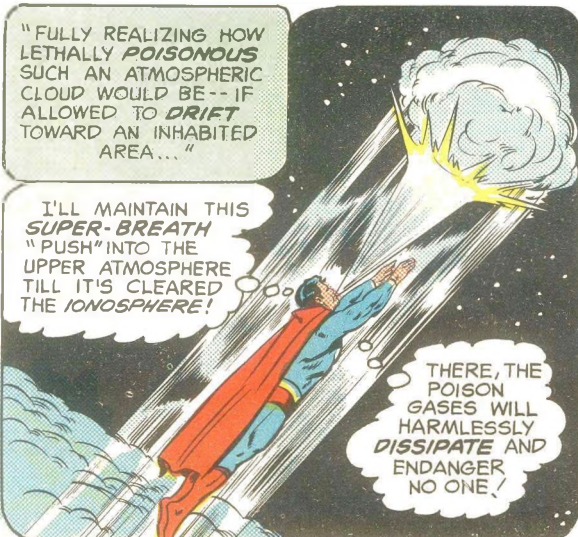
PERMIT ME
ANOTHER
PRACTICE
DEMONSTRATION--!



"BEFORE SUPERMAN
COULD REACT, HE
FOUND HIMSELF SUR-
ROUNDED BY OTHER-
WORLDLY FORCES
TRIGGERING AN EVEN
MORE STARTLING
TRANSFORMATION...

BY RAO! HE'S
INSTANTANEOUSLY
CHANGED THE CHEMICAL
COMPOSITION OF THE
AIR AROUND ME!
INSTEAD OF BEING
PREDOMINANTLY NITROGEN
AND OXYGEN--

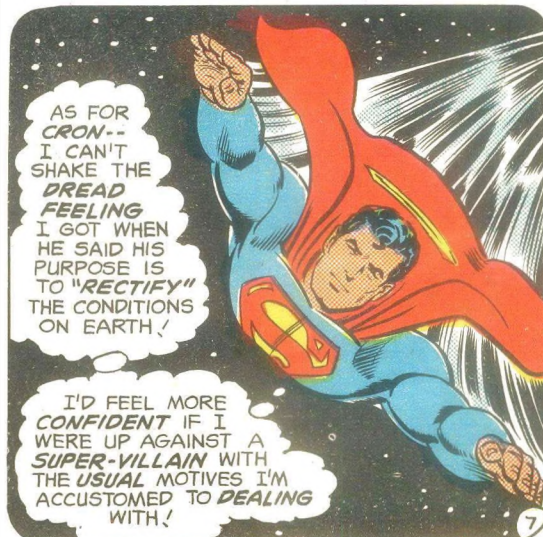
--IT'S NOW CHIEFLY
ARGON AND
METHANE!



"FULLY REALIZING HOW
LETHALLY POISONOUS
SUCH AN ATMOSPHERIC
CLOUD WOULD BE--IF
ALLOWED TO DRIFT
TOWARD AN INHABITED
AREA..."

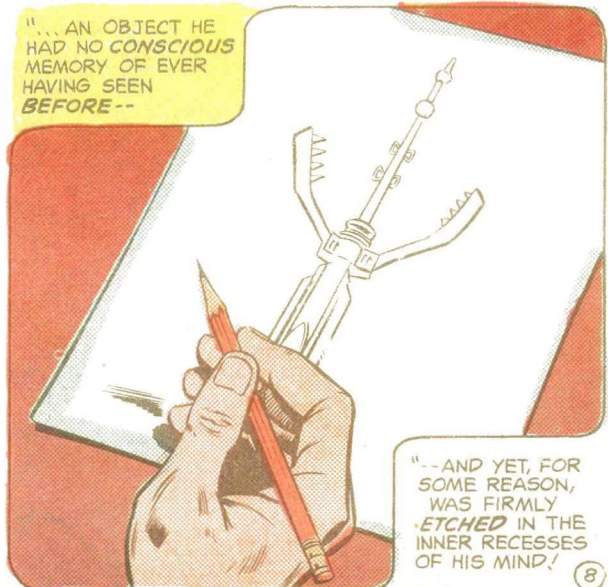
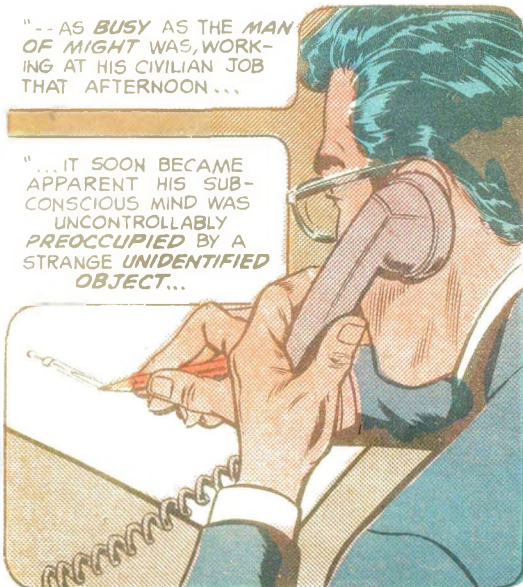
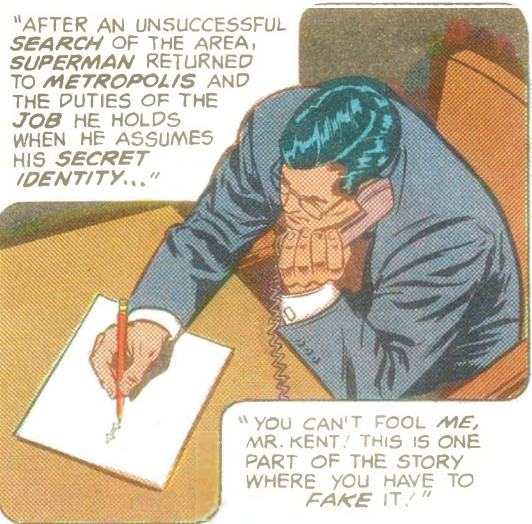
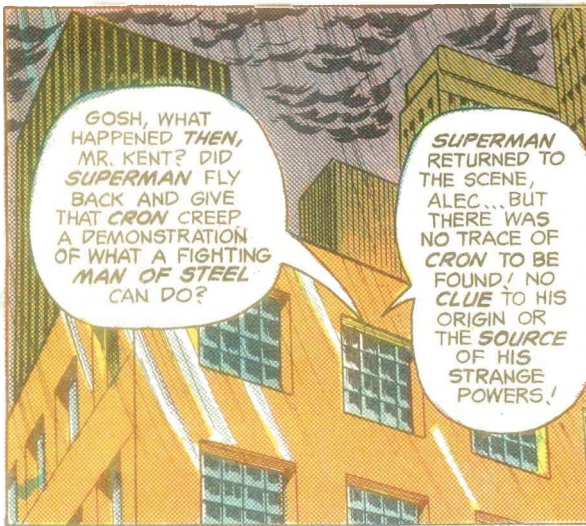
I'LL MAINTAIN THIS
SUPER-BREATH
"PUSH" INTO THE
UPPER ATMOSPHERE
TILL IT'S CLEARED
THE IONOSPHERE!

THERE, THE
POISON GASES WILL
HARMLESSLY
DISSIPATE AND
ENDANGER
NO ONE!

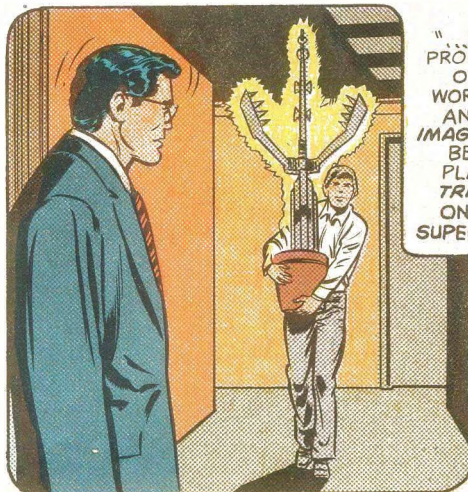


AS FOR
CRON--
I CAN'T
SHAKE THE
DREAD
FEELING
I GOT WHEN
HE SAID HIS
PURPOSE IS
TO "RECTIFY"
THE CONDITIONS
ON EARTH!

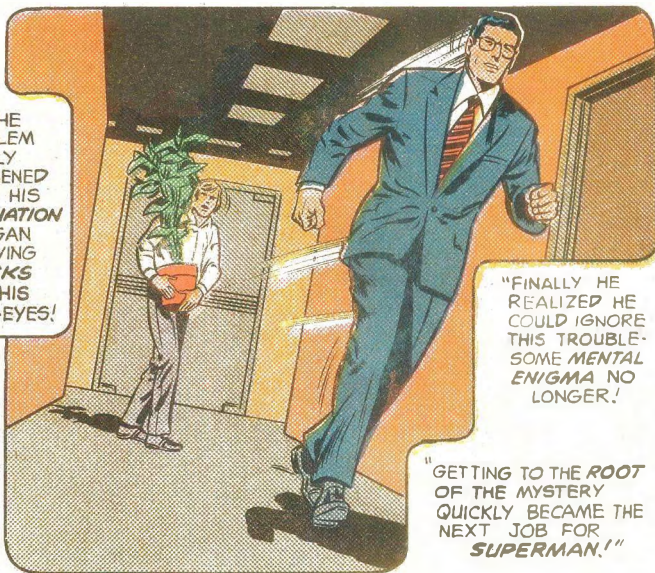
I'D FEEL MORE
CONFIDENT IF I
WERE UP AGAINST A
SUPER-VILLAIN WITH
THE USUAL MOTIVES I'M
ACCUSTOMED TO DEALING
WITH!



"AND AS MUCH AS **SUPERMAN** TRIED TO **BLOT OUT** THE OBJECT AND CONCENTRATE ON THE BUSINESS AT HAND...



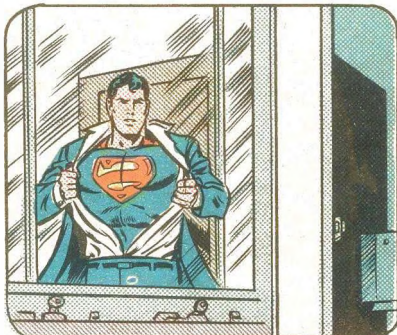
"...THE PROBLEM ONLY WORSENERD AND HIS IMAGINATION BEGAN PLAYING TRICKS ON HIS SUPER-EYES!



"FINALLY HE REALIZED HE COULD IGNORE THIS TROUBLE-SOME MENTAL ENIGMA NO LONGER!

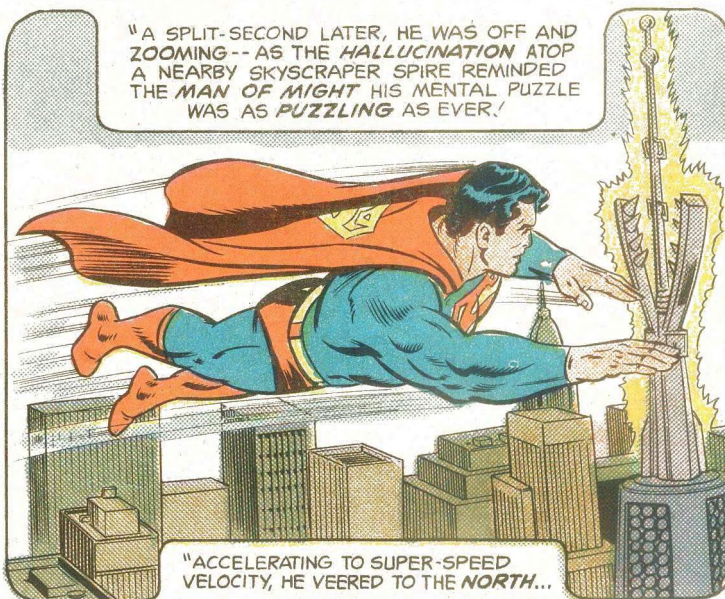
"GETTING TO THE **ROOT** OF THE MYSTERY QUICKLY BECAME THE NEXT JOB FOR **SUPERMAN!**"

"I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED **THEN**, MR. KENT! HE DUCKED INTO THE NEAREST **PRIVATE PLACE** TO GET OUT OF HIS **SECRET IDENTITY** CLOTHES! MAYBE A **CLOSET** OR SOMETHING!"

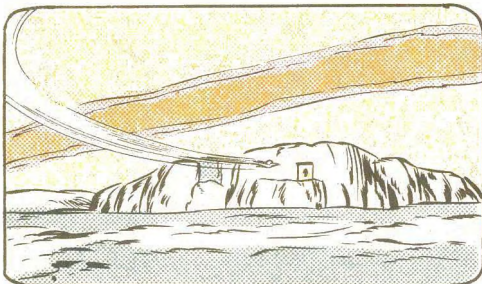


"I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE CLOSET, **SHANNA**-- BUT YOU'RE **RIGHT** ABOUT HIS DUCKING OUT OF **SIGHT** FOR THE **BIG SWITCHEROO!**"

"A SPLIT-SECOND LATER, HE WAS OFF AND **ZOOMING**-- AS THE **HALLUCINATION** ATOP A NEARBY **SKYSCRAPER SPIRE** REMINDED THE **MAN OF MIGHT** HIS MENTAL PUZZLE WAS AS **PUZZLING** AS EVER!"

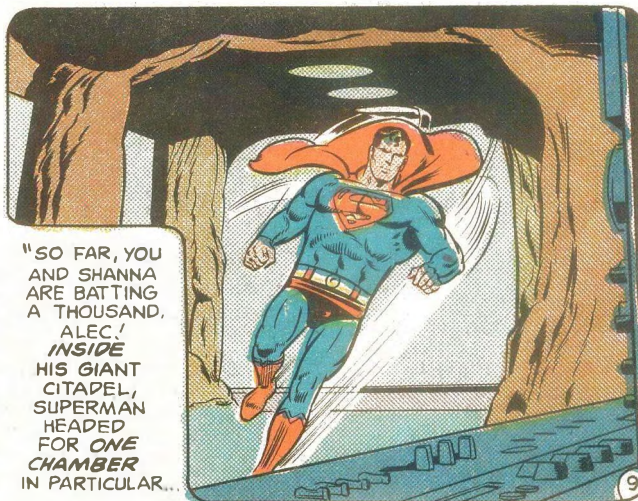


"ACCELERATING TO **SUPER-SPEED** VELOCITY, HE **VEERED** TO THE **NORTH**..."



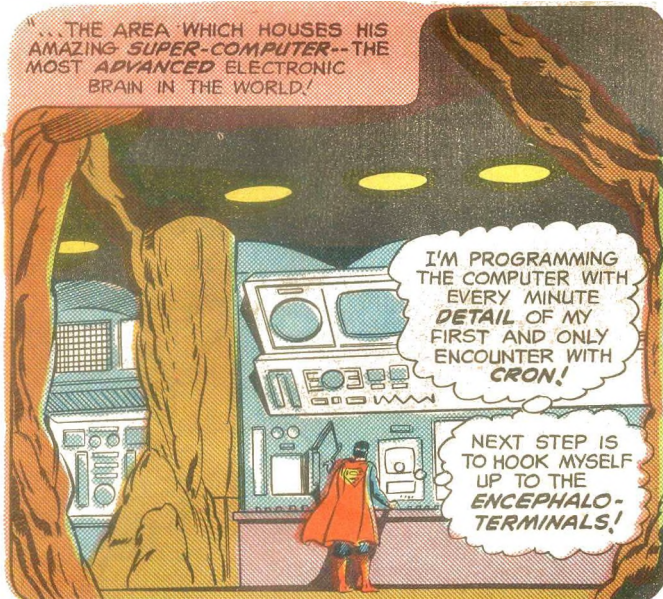
"...REACHING HIS DESTINATION IN A **FRACTIONAL SECOND**..."

"YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL US **WHERE** HE ENDED UP, MR. KENT! SINCE **SUPERMAN** WAS HEADING **NORTH**, MY GUESS IS HIS **FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE**! IT'S GENERAL KNOWLEDGE THAT IT'S HIDDEN SOMEWHERE UP IN THE **ARCTIC!**"



"SO FAR, YOU AND **SHANNA** ARE **BATTLING** A THOUSAND, **ALEC!** **INSIDE** HIS **GIANT CITADEL**, **SUPERMAN** HEADED FOR **ONE CHAMBER** IN PARTICULAR..."

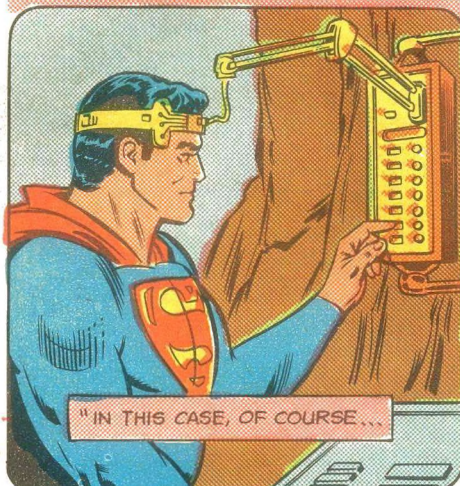
"...THE AREA WHICH HOUSES HIS AMAZING **SUPER-COMPUTER**--THE MOST ADVANCED ELECTRONIC BRAIN IN THE WORLD!"



I'M PROGRAMMING THE COMPUTER WITH EVERY MINUTE **DETAIL** OF MY FIRST AND ONLY ENCOUNTER WITH **CRON!**

NEXT STEP IS TO HOOK MYSELF UP TO THE **ENCEPHALO-TERMINALS!**

"**SUPERMAN** WAS REFERRING TO AN AMAZING ATTACHMENT WHICH ENABLED HIM TO ELECTRONICALLY '**FEED**' HIS COMPUTER ANY **MENTAL PICTURE** HIS MIND COULD CONJURE..."



"IN THIS CASE, OF COURSE..."

"... HE TRANSMITTED THE PUZZLING **UNIDENTIFIED IMAGE** WHICH HAD BEEN PERSISTENTLY PLAGUING HIM SINCE HE MET **CRON!**



"THE COMPUTER'S MYRIAD MICRO-CIRCUITS HUMMED WITH INSTANTANEOUS **ACTIVITY**..."

"...AND A MERE PULSEBEAT LATER..."

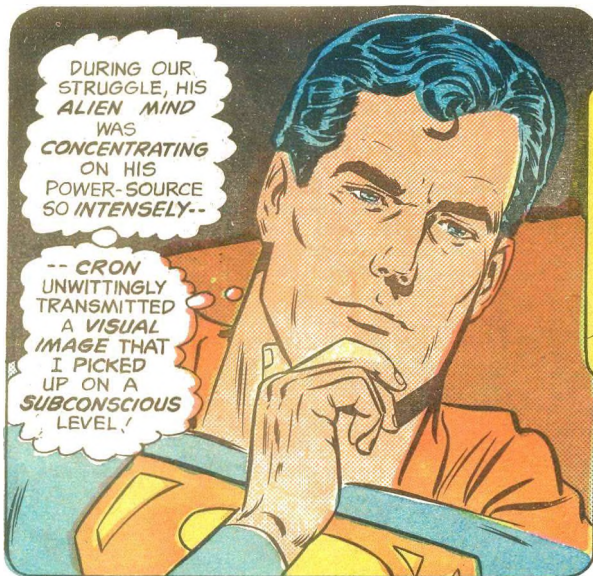
CONCLUSION FROM INCOMPLETE DATA INPUT: 92 PERCENT PROBABILITY... **UNIDENTIFIED APPARATUS** SERVES AS ENERGY SOURCE FOR POWERS ATTRIBUTED TO ALIEN BEING

HMMMM... A **POWER-SOURCE**, EH? VERY ENLIGHTENING INDEED!

THE SAME **TELEPATHIC CHANNEL** THAT ENABLED **CRON** TO READ MY THOUGHTS MUST SOMEHOW WORK **BOTH** WAYS!

DURING OUR STRUGGLE, HIS **ALIEN MIND** WAS **CONCENTRATING** ON HIS **POWER-SOURCE** SO **INTENSELY**--

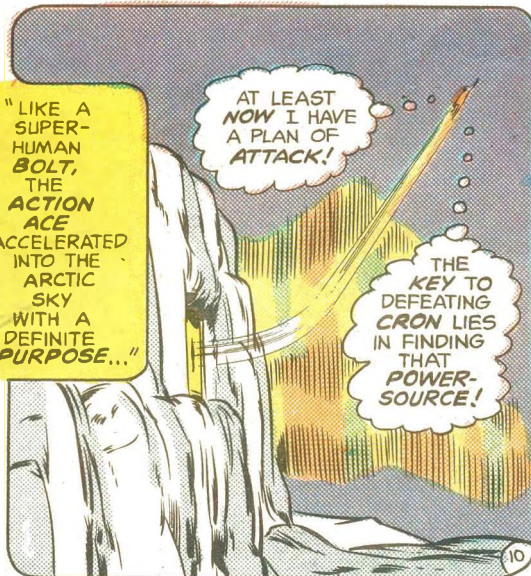
-- **CRON** UNWITTINGLY TRANSMITTED A **VISUAL IMAGE** THAT I PICKED UP ON A **SUBCONSCIOUS** LEVEL!



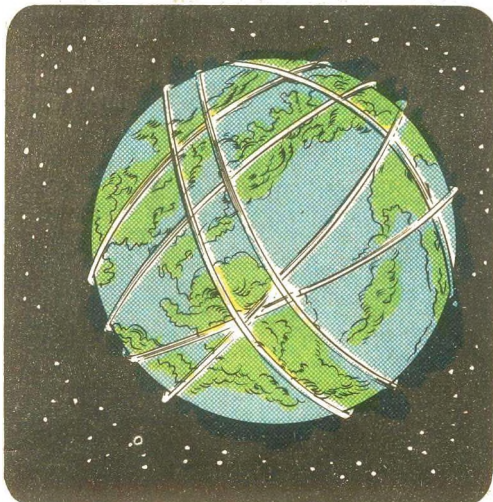
"LIKE A **SUPER-HUMAN BOLT**, THE **ACTION ACE** ACCELERATED INTO THE **ARCTIC SKY** WITH A **DEFINITE PURPOSE**..."

AT LEAST **NOW** I HAVE A **PLAN OF ATTACK!**

THE **KEY** TO DEFEATING **CRON** LIES IN FINDING THAT **POWER-SOURCE!**



"SO THE **METROPOLIS MARVEL** IMMEDIATELY SET OUT ON A MOST AMAZING **SEARCH--SUPER-SPEEDING AGAIN AND AGAIN AROUND THE GLOBE...**"



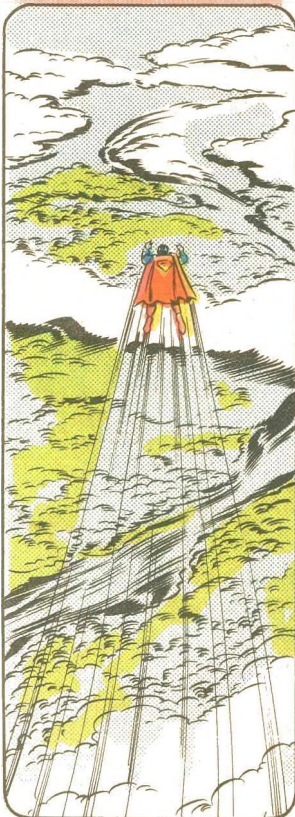
"BUT, MR. KENT--YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A SURFACE OF NEARLY 200 MILLION SQUARE MILES! I MEAN, EVEN THE **BIG S** HAS HIS **LIMITS!**"

"RIGHT YOU ARE, ALEC! BUT WHAT I NEGLECTED TO MENTION ABOUT THE MENTAL IMAGE **SUPERMAN** RECEIVED WAS THE UNIQUE **RADIATION AURA** SURROUNDING **CRON'S POWER-PRONG!**"



"**SUPERMAN** HAD ATTUNED HIS **X-RAY VISION** TO **HIGHLIGHT** THE SAME INVISIBLE **WAVELENGTH** OF **RADIATION--** TO SEE IF IT INDEED **EXISTED** ANYWHERE ON **EARTH!**"

"SURE ENOUGH, DEEP IN A SOUTH AMERICAN **JUNGLE**, ALONG A PERIL-INFESTED TRIBUTARY OF THE **AMAZON** NEVER BEFORE EXPLORED BY MAN..."

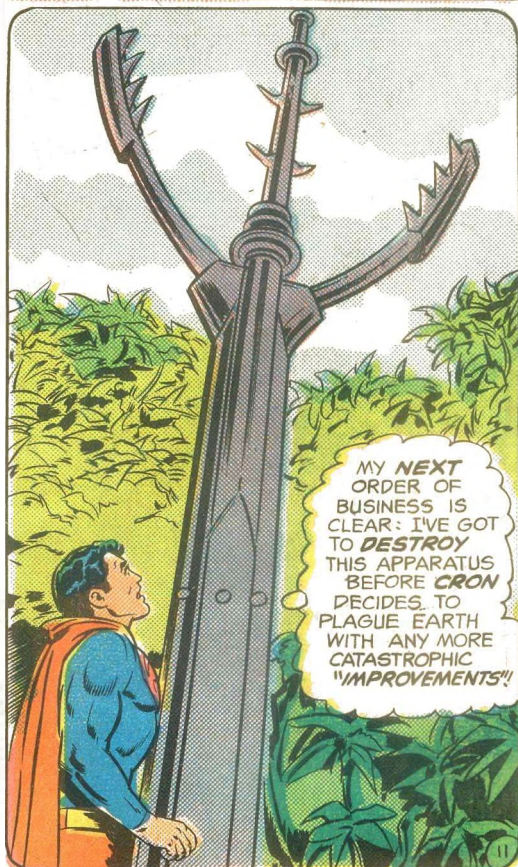


"...THE **MAN OF MIGHT'S** ARDUOUS SEARCH CAME TO AN **END--** AS HE FOCUSED A BLISTERING BLAST OF **HEAT VISION** AT A CERTAIN JUNGLE TREE..."



"A **TREE**, MR. KENT?"

"ACTUALLY, SHANNA--IT WAS MERELY BOTANICAL **CAMOUFLAGE** TO CONCEAL THE GIANT FIFTY-FOOT **POWER PRONG** INSIDE!"

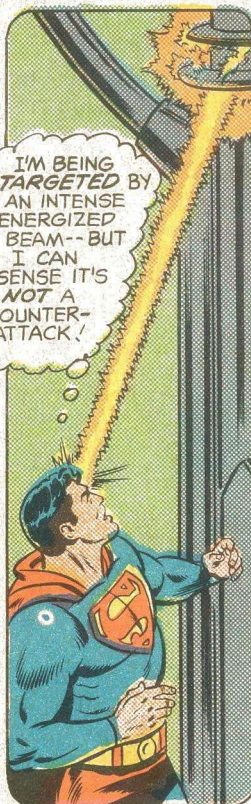


MY **NEXT** ORDER OF BUSINESS IS CLEAR: I'VE GOT TO **DESTROY** THIS APPARATUS BEFORE **CRON** DECIDES TO PLAGUE EARTH WITH ANY MORE CATASTROPHIC **"IMPROVEMENTS!"**

"BUT SUPERMAN WAS IN FOR QUITE A JOLT WHEN HE FOUND HIMSELF REPELLED BY --



"THE QUESTION WAS SWIFTLY ANSWERED --BY THE PULSATING SURPRISE WHICH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED..



ATTENTION, LIFE-FORM! CEASE YOUR HOSTILE ACTION! THE PURPOSE OF THIS TROM-RAY IS NOT TO INFLICT HARM... BUT TO DISPENSE INFORMATION!

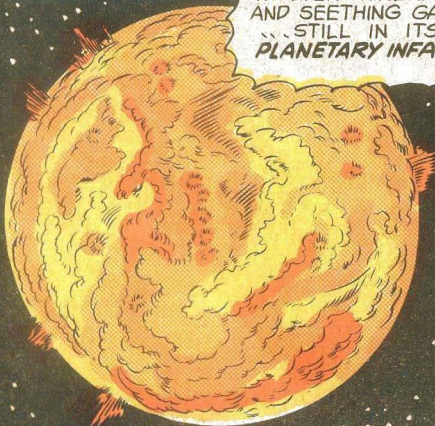


AND EVEN MORE SURPRISING-- I CAN SENSE THIS TELEPATHIC NARRATOR IS NOT CROON-- BUT SOMEONE ELSE!!



WHAT I AM ABOUT TO REVEAL MAY SHOCK YOUR SENSES... BUT THE FACTS ARE UNEQUIVOCALLY TRUE!

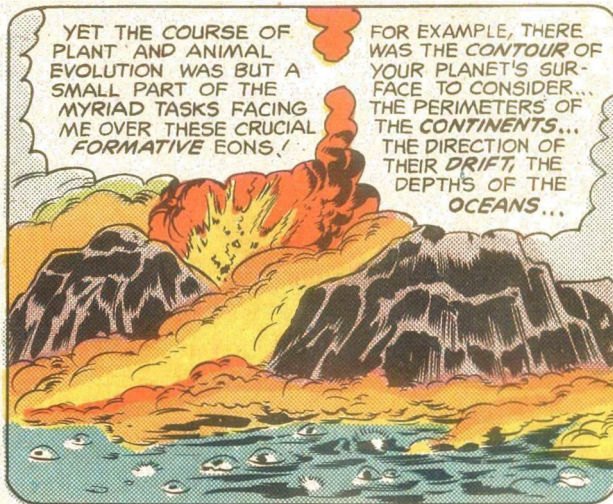
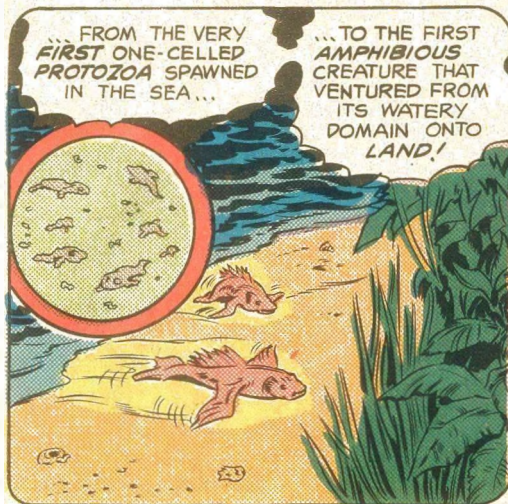
I FIRST VENTURED UPON YOUR PLANET WHILE IT WAS YET A BALL OF MOLTEN MINERALS AND SEETHING GASES ... STILL IN ITS PLANETARY INFANCY!



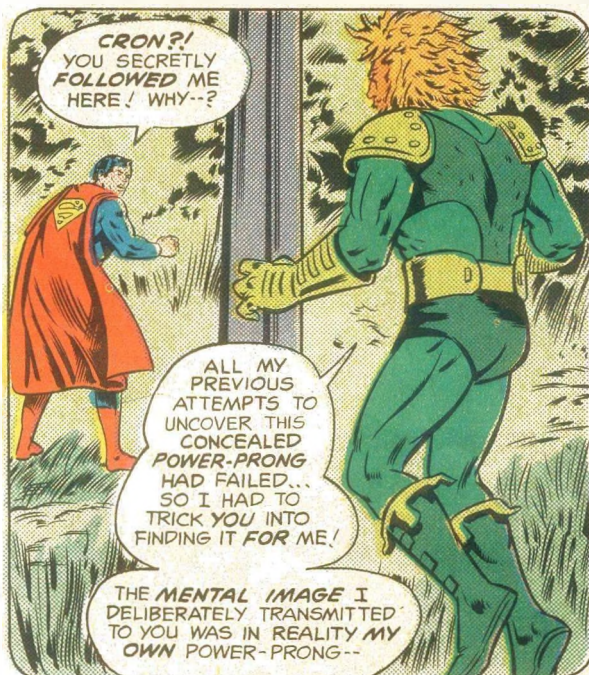
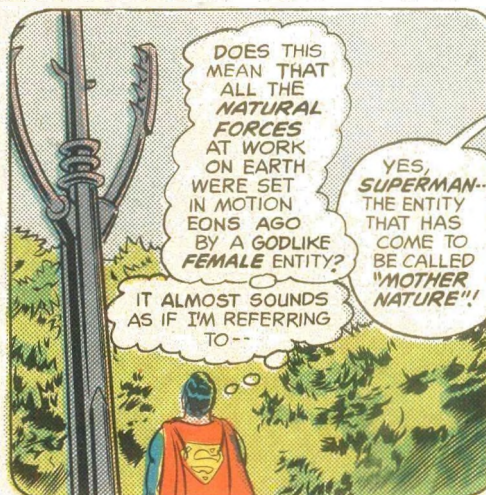
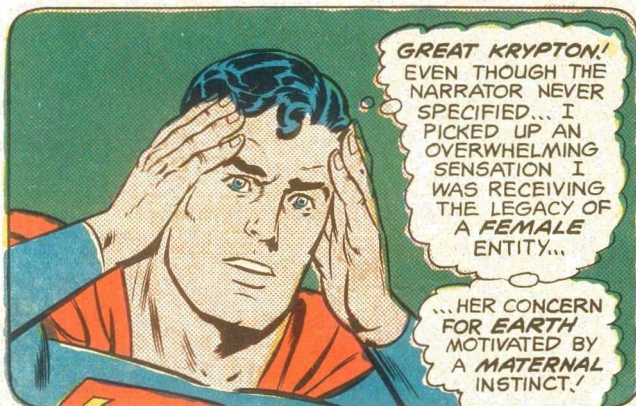
ANALYZING THE RICH ABUNDANCE OF RAW ELEMENTS WITHIN, I RECOGNIZED THE GREAT POTENTIAL YOUR WORLD OFFERED AS A BREEDING GROUND FOR FUTURE LIFE-FORMS...

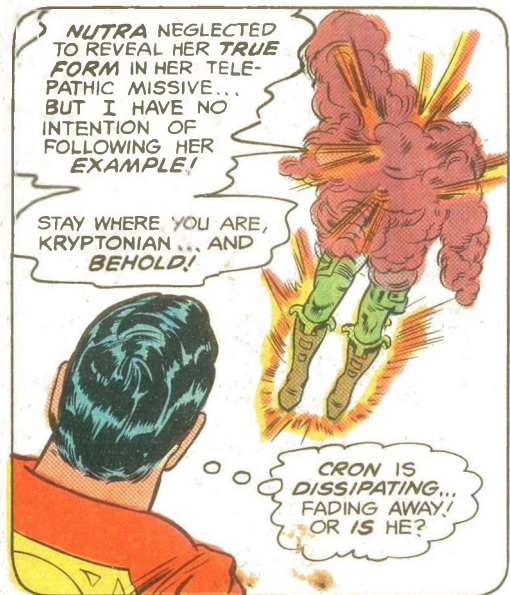
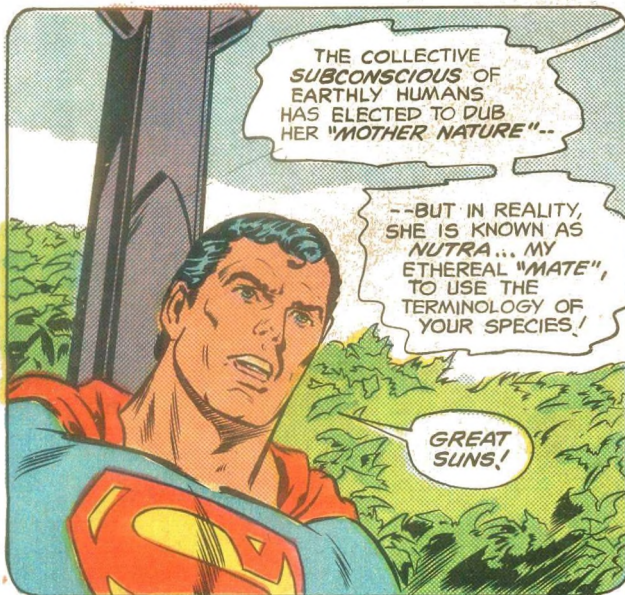
...THUS I TOOK IT UPON MYSELF TO GUIDE THE NATURAL FORCES WHICH WOULD SHAPE AND MOLD THIS LIFE...





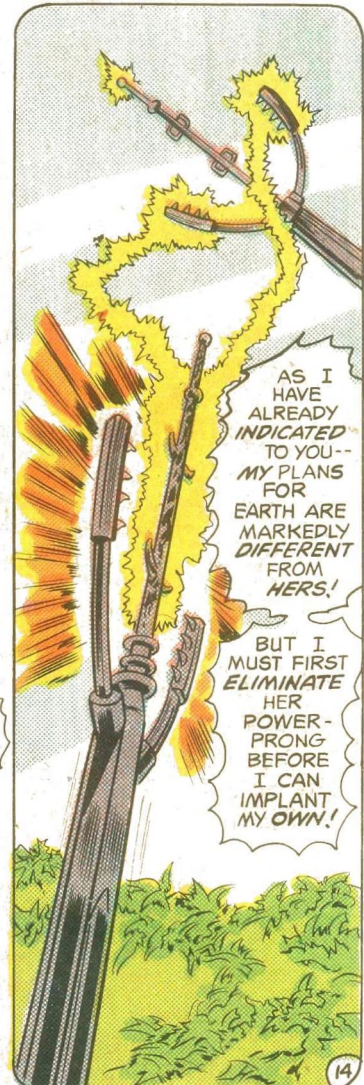
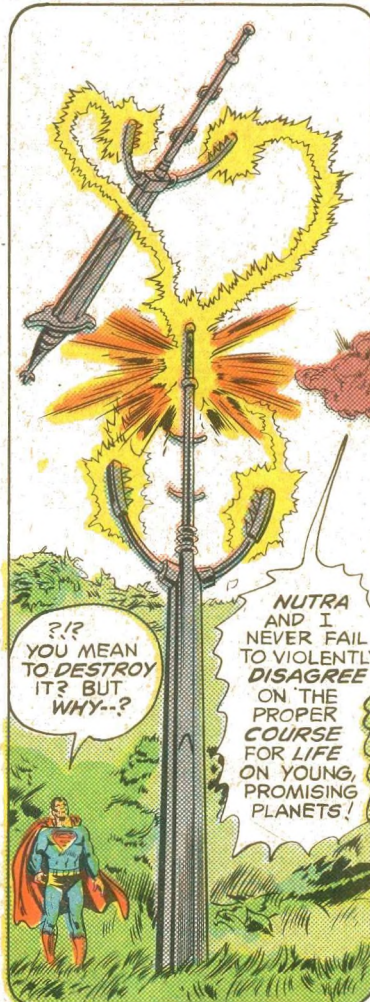
"MIND-STAGGERING MOMENTS LATER, THE TELEPATHIC **INDOCTRINATION** CAME TO AN **END--** AND A GAPIING **SUPERMAN** CAME TO AN ASTONISHING REALIZATION...

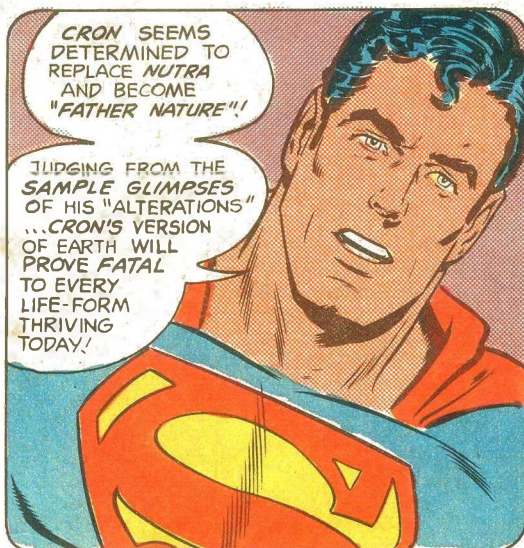




"AND AS THE STUNNED *MAN*
OF STEEL WATCHED THE AMAZING
TRANSFORMATION UNFOLD...

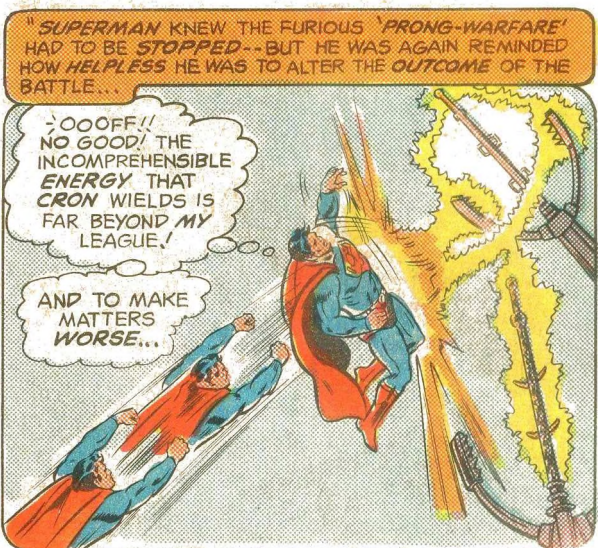
"WHAT *CRON* MEANT BY THAT
LAST CHILLING REMARK SOON
BECAME DEVASTATINGLY CLEAR...





CRON SEEMS DETERMINED TO REPLACE NUTRA AND BECOME "FATHER NATURE"!

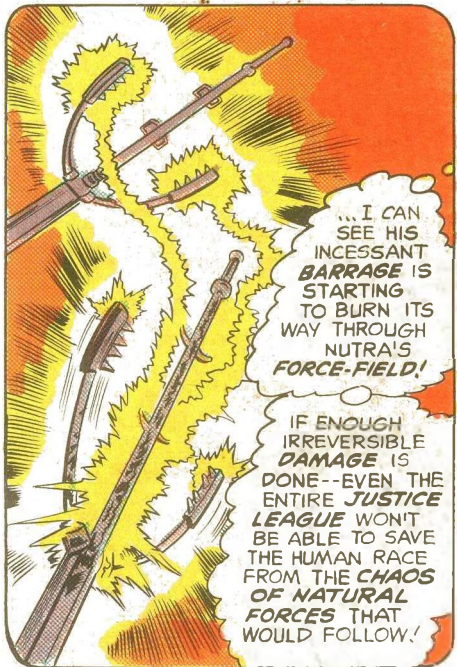
JUDGING FROM THE SAMPLE GLIMPSES OF HIS "ALTERATIONS" ...CRON'S VERSION OF EARTH WILL PROVE FATAL TO EVERY LIFE-FORM THRIVING TODAY!



"SUPERMAN KNEW THE FURIOUS 'PRONG-WARFARE' HAD TO BE STOPPED--BUT HE WAS AGAIN REMINDED HOW HELPLESS HE WAS TO ALTER THE OUTCOME OF THE BATTLE..."

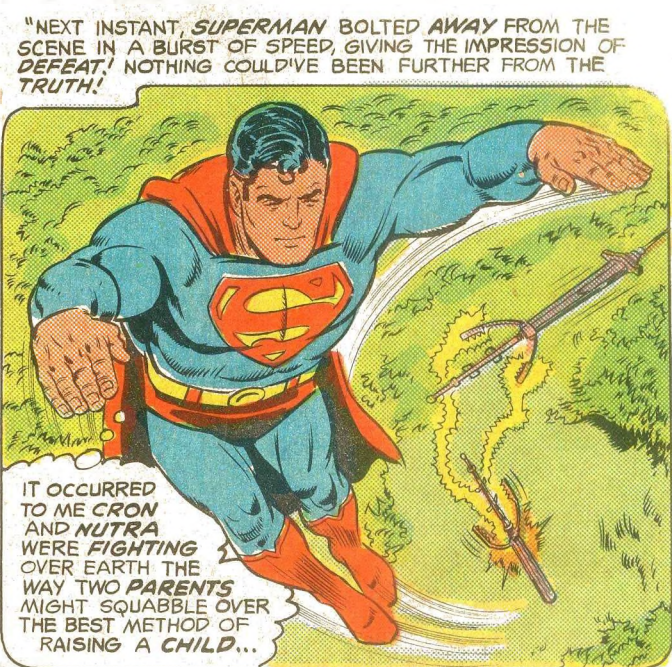
OOOFF!! NO GOOD! THE INCOMPREHENSIBLE ENERGY THAT CRON WIELDS IS FAR BEYOND MY LEAGUE!

AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE...



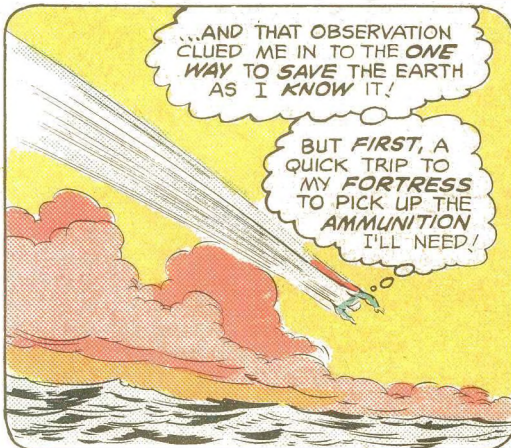
...I CAN SEE HIS INCESSANT BARRAGE IS STARTING TO BURN ITS WAY THROUGH NUTRA'S FORCE-FIELD!

IF ENOUGH IRREVERSIBLE DAMAGE IS DONE--EVEN THE ENTIRE JUSTICE LEAGUE WON'T BE ABLE TO SAVE THE HUMAN RACE FROM THE CHAOS OF NATURAL FORCES THAT WOULD FOLLOW!



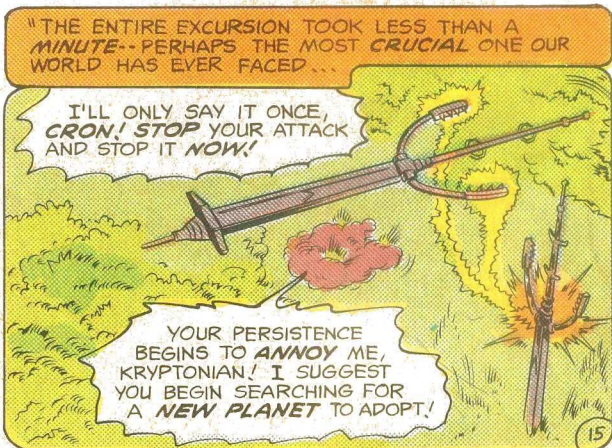
"NEXT INSTANT, SUPERMAN BOLTED AWAY FROM THE SCENE IN A BURST OF SPEED, GIVING THE IMPRESSION OF DEFEAT! NOTHING COULD'VE BEEN FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH!"

IT OCCURRED TO ME CRON AND NUTRA WERE FIGHTING OVER EARTH THE WAY TWO PARENTS MIGHT SQUABBLE OVER THE BEST METHOD OF RAISING A CHILD...



...AND THAT OBSERVATION CLUED ME IN TO THE ONE WAY TO SAVE THE EARTH AS I KNOW IT!

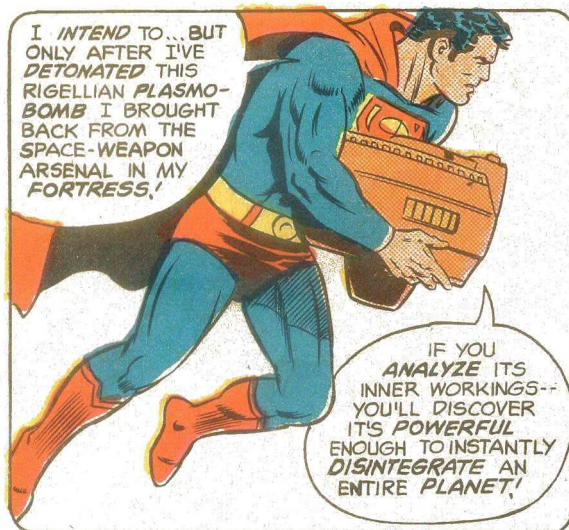
BUT FIRST, A QUICK TRIP TO MY FORTRESS TO PICK UP THE AMMUNITION I'LL NEED!



"THE ENTIRE EXCURSION TOOK LESS THAN A MINUTE--PERHAPS THE MOST CRUCIAL ONE OUR WORLD HAS EVER FACED..."

I'LL ONLY SAY IT ONCE, CRON! STOP YOUR ATTACK AND STOP IT NOW!

YOUR PERSISTENCE BEGINS TO ANNOY ME, KRYPTONIAN! I SUGGEST YOU BEGIN SEARCHING FOR A NEW PLANET TO ADOPT!



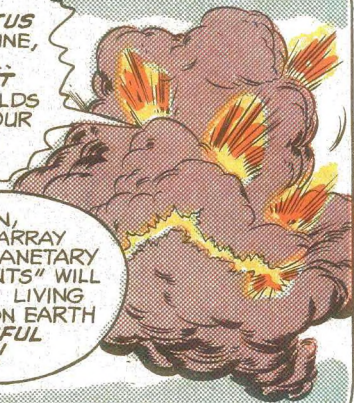
I INTEND TO...BUT ONLY AFTER I'VE DETONATED THIS RIGELLIAN PLASMO-BOMB I BROUGHT BACK FROM THE SPACE-WEAPON ARSENAL IN MY FORTRESS!

IF YOU ANALYZE ITS INNER WORKINGS-- YOU'LL DISCOVER IT'S POWERFUL ENOUGH TO INSTANTLY DISINTEGRATE AN ENTIRE PLANET!

"CRON DID JUST THAT... CONFIRMING THE ALIEN WEAPON IN SUPERMAN'S HANDS WAS NO PROP, BUT THE REAL ITEM..."

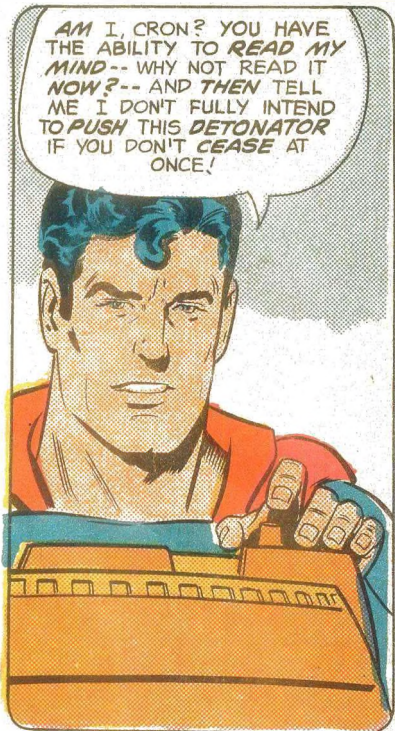
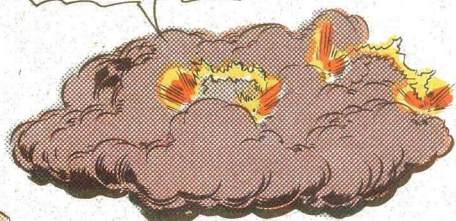
THE APPARATUS MAY BE GENUINE, KRYPTONIAN... BUT I DOUBT THE SAME HOLDS TRUE FOR YOUR OUTLANDISH THREAT!

THINK AGAIN, CRON! YOUR ARRAY OF PRASTIC PLANETARY "IMPROVEMENTS" WILL DOOM EVERY LIVING CREATURE ON EARTH TO A PAINFUL DEATH!



IF I'M HELPLESS TO SAVE THE ADOPTED RACE I'VE PLEDGED TO PROTECT...THE LEAST I CAN DO FOR THEM IS INSURE A SWIFT AND MERCIFUL END BY DISINTEGRATING THE EARTH AROUND THEM!

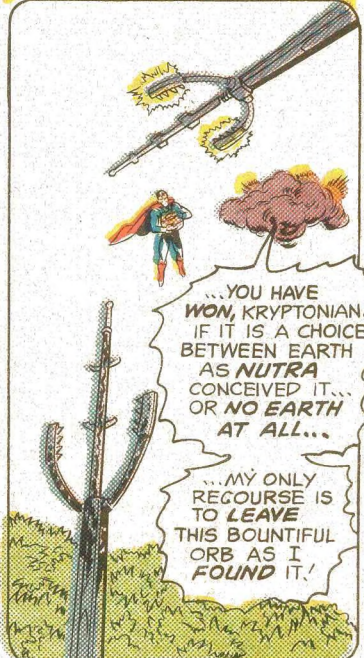
NO! YOU ARE ATTEMPTING A FUTILE BLUFF!



AM I, CRON? YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO READ MY MIND-- WHY NOT READ IT NOW?-- AND THEN TELL ME I DON'T FULLY INTEND TO PUSH THIS DETONATOR IF YOU DON'T CEASE AT ONCE!

"AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, CRON INDEED DID READ THE MAN OF STEEL'S MIND..."

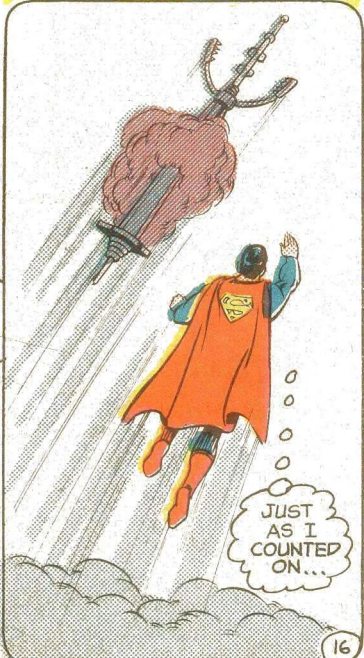
"...ONLY TO MAKE THE STARTLING DISCOVERY HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH! A SPLIT-INSTANT LATER, THE DEVASTATING ATTACK ON NUTRA'S POWER-PRONG SUDDENLY ENDED..."



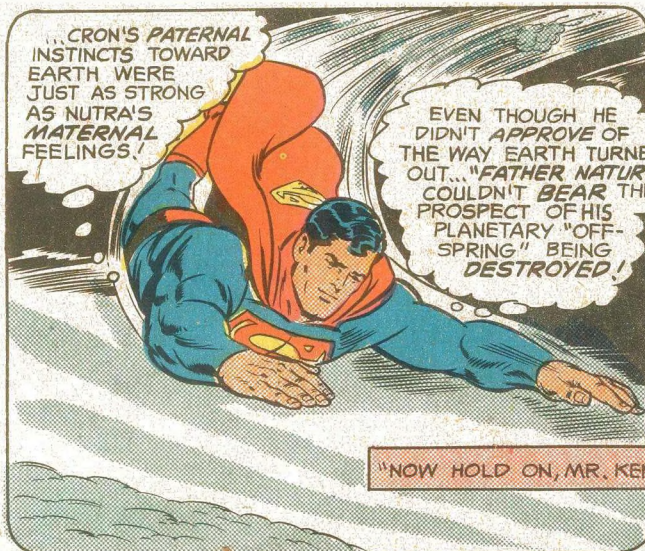
...YOU HAVE WON, KRYPTONIAN! IF IT IS A CHOICE BETWEEN EARTH AS NUTRA CONCEIVED IT... OR NO EARTH AT ALL...

...MY ONLY RECOURSE IS TO LEAVE THIS BOUNTIFUL ORB AS I FOUND IT!

"...AND WITH THAT, CRON AND HIS POWER-PRONG BADE THE EARTH A SILENT FAREWELL AND HEADED INTO OUTER SPACE --HOPEFULLY NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN!"



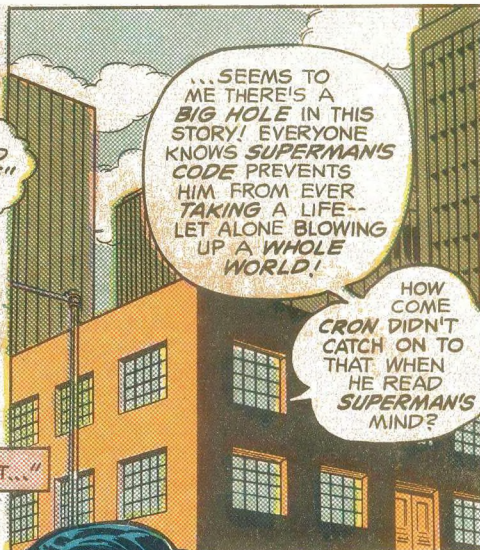
JUST AS I COUNTED ON...



...CRON'S PATERNAL INSTINCTS TOWARD EARTH WERE JUST AS STRONG AS NUTRA'S MATERNAL FEELINGS!

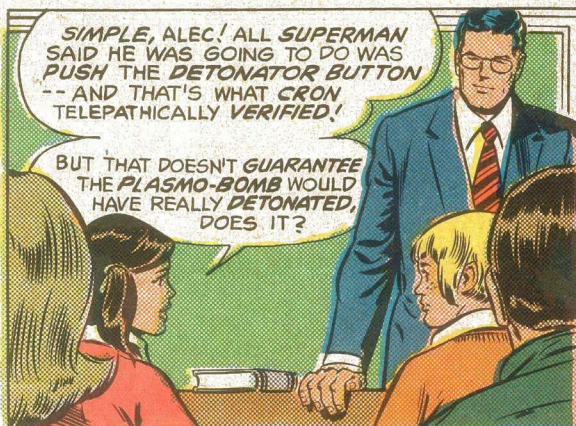
EVEN THOUGH HE DIDN'T APPROVE OF THE WAY EARTH TURNED OUT... "FATHER NATURE" COULDN'T BEAR THE PROSPECT OF HIS PLANETARY "OFF-SPRING" BEING DESTROYED!

"NOW HOLD ON, MR. KENT..."



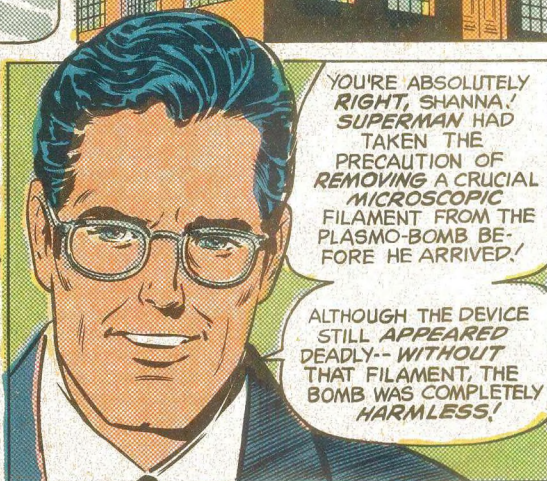
...SEEMS TO ME THERE'S A BIG HOLE IN THIS STORY! EVERYONE KNOWS SUPERMAN'S CODE PREVENTS HIM FROM EVER TAKING A LIFE-- LET ALONE BLOWING UP A WHOLE WORLD!

HOW COME CRON DIDN'T CATCH ON TO THAT WHEN HE READ SUPERMAN'S MIND?



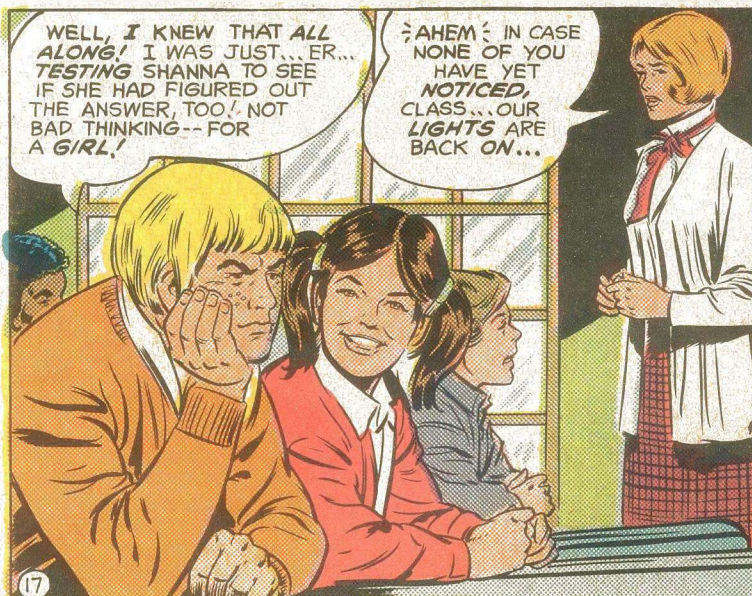
SIMPLE, ALEC! ALL SUPERMAN SAID HE WAS GOING TO DO WAS PUSH THE DETONATOR BUTTON -- AND THAT'S WHAT CRON TELEPATHICALLY VERIFIED!

BUT THAT DOESN'T GUARANTEE THE PLASMO-BOMB WOULD HAVE REALLY DETONATED, DOES IT?



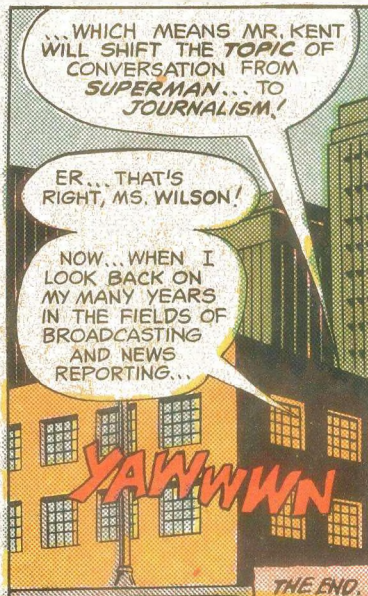
YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, SHANNA! SUPERMAN HAD TAKEN THE PRECAUTION OF REMOVING A CRUCIAL MICROSCOPIC FILAMENT FROM THE PLASMO-BOMB BEFORE HE ARRIVED!

ALTHOUGH THE DEVICE STILL APPEARED DEADLY-- WITHOUT THAT FILAMENT, THE BOMB WAS COMPLETELY HARMLESS!



WELL, I KNEW THAT ALL ALONG! I WAS JUST... ER... TESTING SHANNA TO SEE IF SHE HAD FIGURED OUT THE ANSWER, TOO! NOT BAD THINKING-- FOR A GIRL!

HEM! IN CASE NONE OF YOU HAVE YET NOTICED, CLASS... OUR LIGHTS ARE BACK ON...



...WHICH MEANS MR. KENT WILL SHIFT THE TOPIC OF CONVERSATION FROM SUPERMAN... TO JOURNALISM!

ER... THAT'S RIGHT, MS. WILSON!

NOW... WHEN I LOOK BACK ON MY MANY YEARS IN THE FIELDS OF BROADCASTING AND NEWS REPORTING...

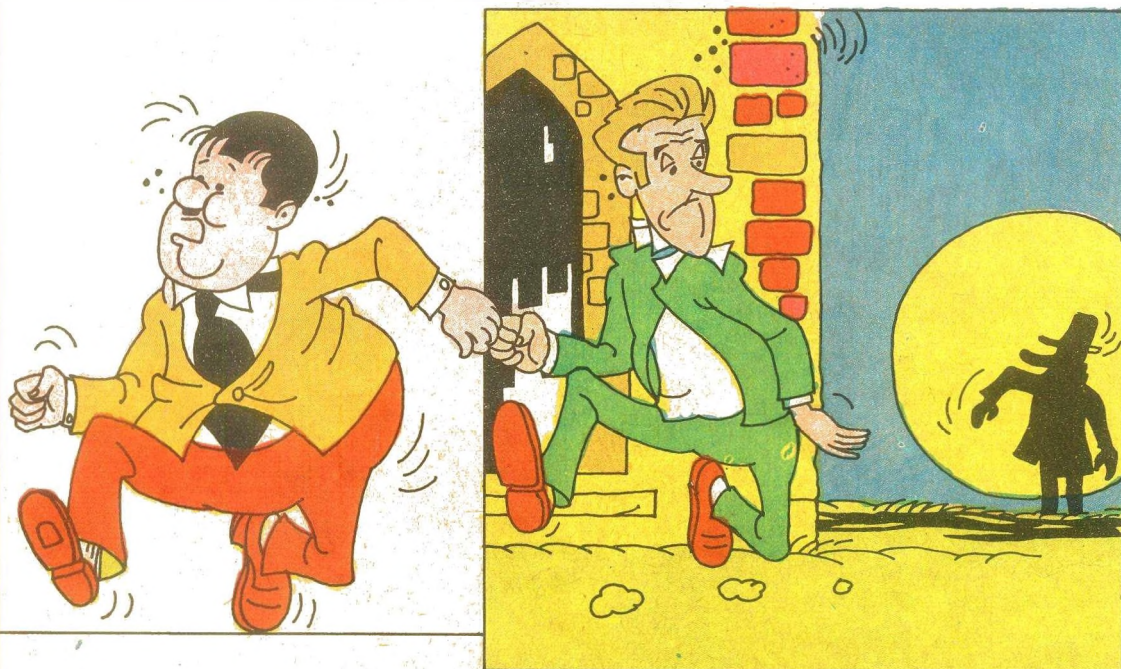
YAWN

THE END.

NEXT ISSUE: A VANISHING TOWN IS OUT TO CONQUER -- "TODAY SUPERMAN ... TOMORROW THE WORLD!" PLUS A NEW FEATURE ... SUPERMAN: THE IN-BETWEEN YEARS ... "THE LAST TIME I SAW SMALLVILLE!" ON SALE JUNE 18! IT'S A DATE!

You know them . . .

The World's Best-Known Comic Duo-
Stan Laurel & Oliver Hardy.
Better Known as Laurel & Hardy.
Meet them in **STAR COMICS**



They have sharp noses which unerringly lead them into trouble. Chivalrous and generous, our comic heroes are forever trying to help people in trouble. But their well-intentioned attempts to do good, always leave a trail of chaos and disaster.

Follow their exploits as they blunder, stumble and bumble through many a crazy adventure, in STAR COMICS.



Printed, Published and Marketed by

INDIA BOOK HOUSE

Mahalaxmi Chambers, 5th floor,
22 Bhulabhai Desai Road, Bombay-400 026.

Also featuring: **Superman, Super Spy James Bond 007 and**
Super Star Amitabh Bachchan as Supremol



USP



SCHOOL: _____





AS THE PLANET KRYPTON EXPLODED, BABY KAL-EL'S ROCKET CARRIED HIM SAFELY TO EARTH--

--WHERE IT LANDED NEAR GOTHAM CITY, ITS SOLE OCCUPANT DISCOVERED BY POLICE OFFICER JAMES GORDON...



...WHO TOOK THE CHILD TO THE HOME OF DR. AND MRS. THOMAS WAYNE.

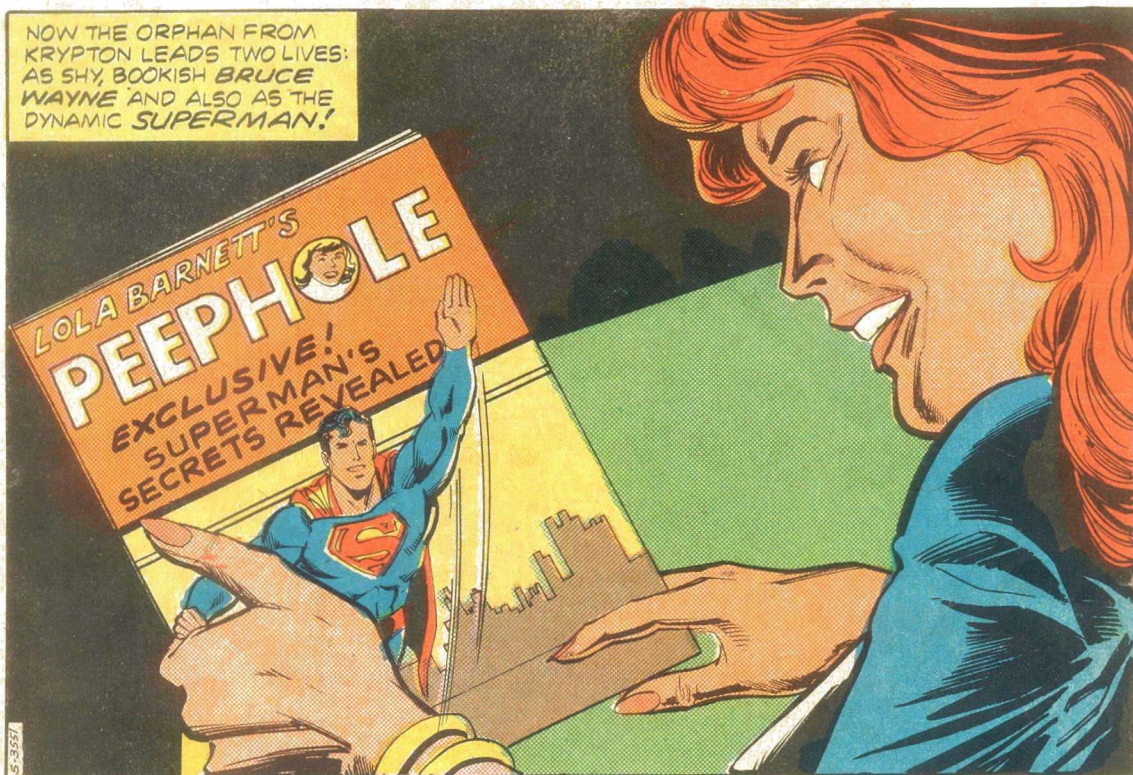
OVER THE YEARS, THE ADOPTIVE PARENTS DISCOVERED THEIR SON HAD INCREDIBLE POWERS...



...AND ON HIS 21ST BIRTHDAY, BRUCE WAYNE REALIZED THAT HE COULD USE HIS STRENGTH FOR THE GOOD OF ALL THE WORLD!

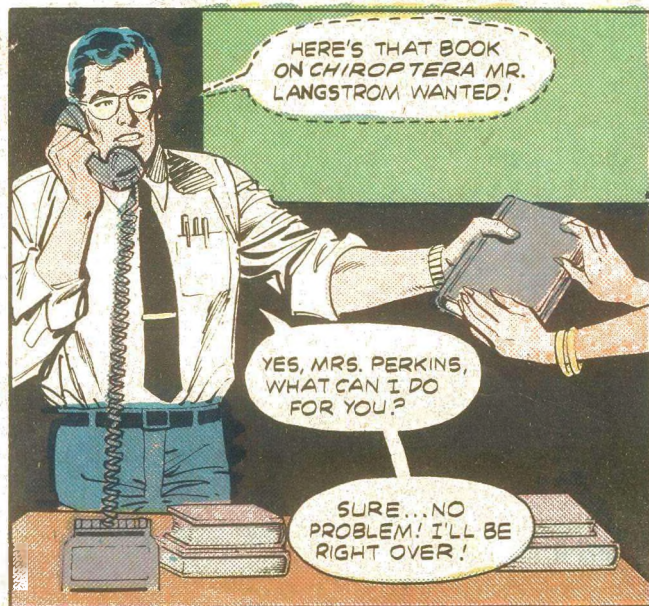
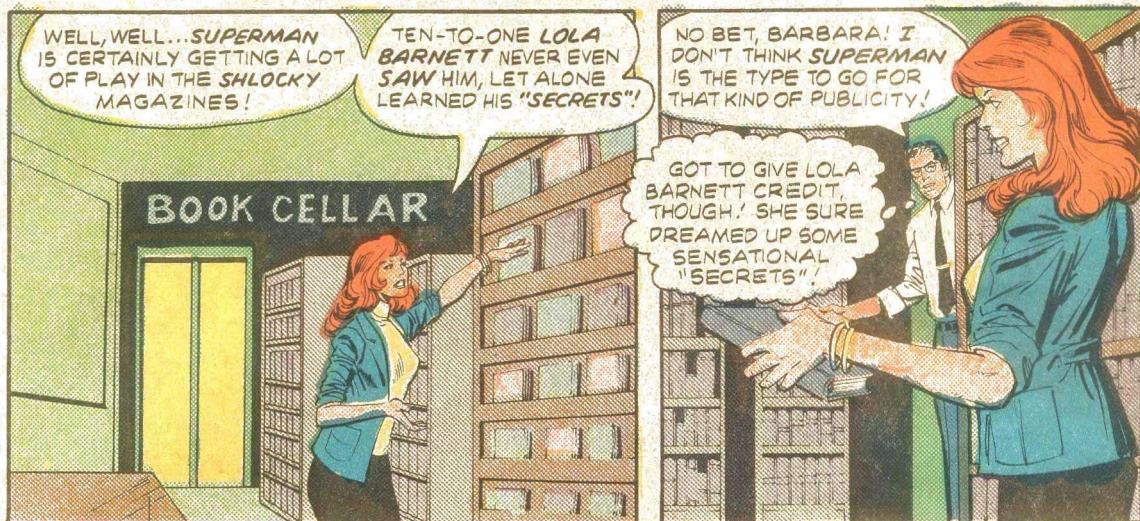


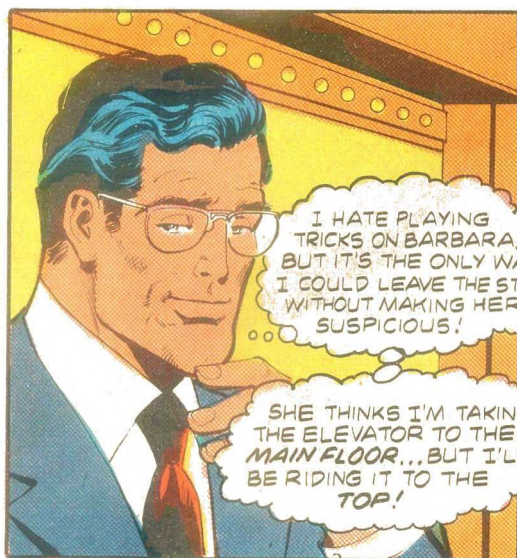
NOW THE ORPHAN FROM KRYPTON LEADS TWO LIVES: AS SHY, BOOKISH BRUCE WAYNE AND ALSO AS THE DYNAMIC SUPERMAN!



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF BRUCE (SUPERMAN) WAYNE

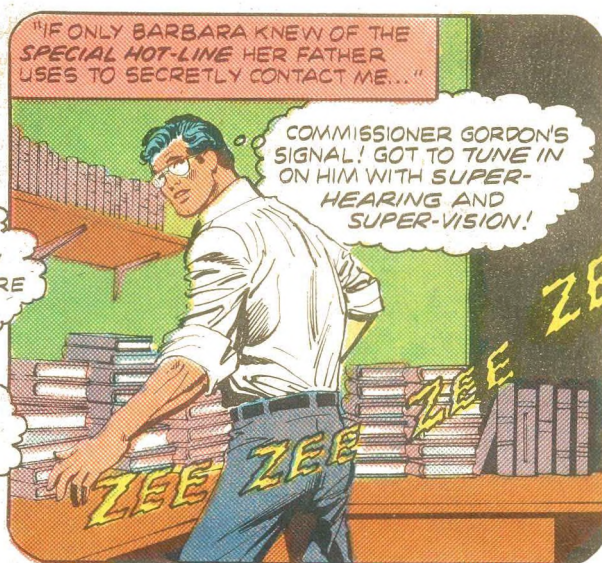
A FURTHER EXERCISE IN IMAGINATION BY:
BOB ROZAKIS — WRITER / DICK GIORDANO — INKER / ANTHONY TOLLIN — COLORIST
DENYS COWAN — PENCILLER / SKELLY LEFERMAN — LETTERER / JULIUS SCHWARTZ — EDITOR





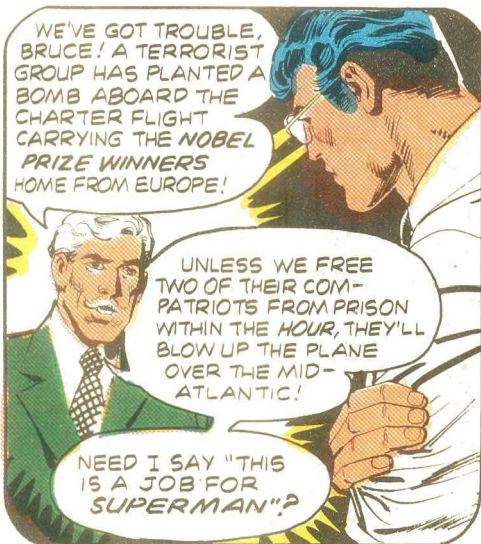
I HATE PLAYING TRICKS ON BARBARA, BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY I COULD LEAVE THE STORE WITHOUT MAKING HER SUSPICIOUS!

SHE THINKS I'M TAKING THE ELEVATOR TO THE MAIN FLOOR... BUT I'LL BE RIDING IT TO THE TOP!



"IF ONLY BARBARA KNEW OF THE SPECIAL HOT-LINE HER FATHER USES TO SECRETLY CONTACT ME..."

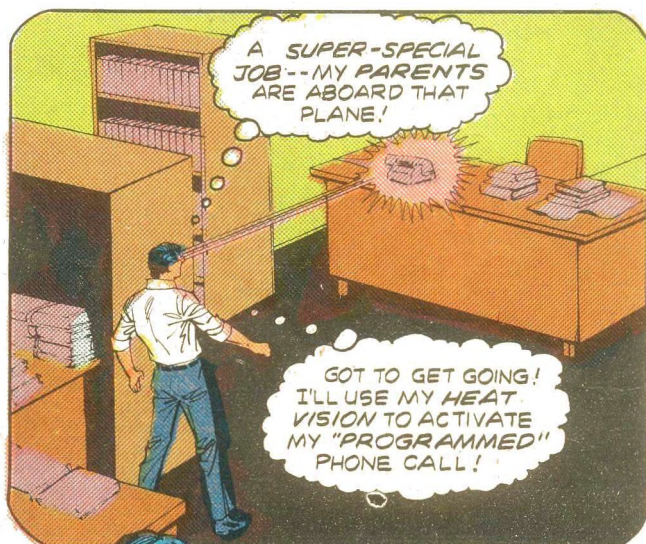
COMMISSIONER GORDON'S SIGNAL! GOT TO TUNE IN ON HIM WITH SUPER-HEARING AND SUPER-VISION!



WE'VE GOT TROUBLE, BRUCE! A TERRORIST GROUP HAS PLANTED A BOMB ABOARD THE CHARTER FLIGHT CARRYING THE NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS HOME FROM EUROPE!

UNLESS WE FREE TWO OF THEIR COMPATRIOTS FROM PRISON WITHIN THE HOUR, THEY'LL BLOW UP THE PLANE OVER THE MID-ATLANTIC!

NEED I SAY "THIS IS A JOB FOR SUPERMAN"?



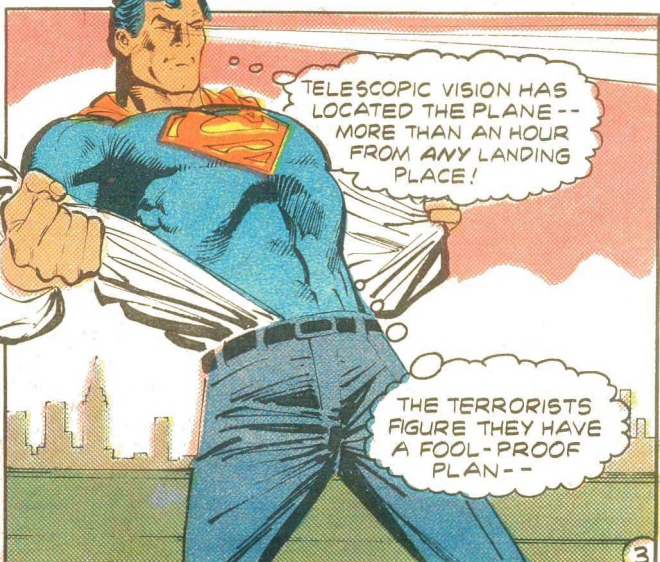
A SUPER-SPECIAL JOB--MY PARENTS ARE ABOARD THAT PLANE!

GOT TO GET GOING! I'LL USE MY HEAT VISION TO ACTIVATE MY "PROGRAMMED" PHONE CALL!



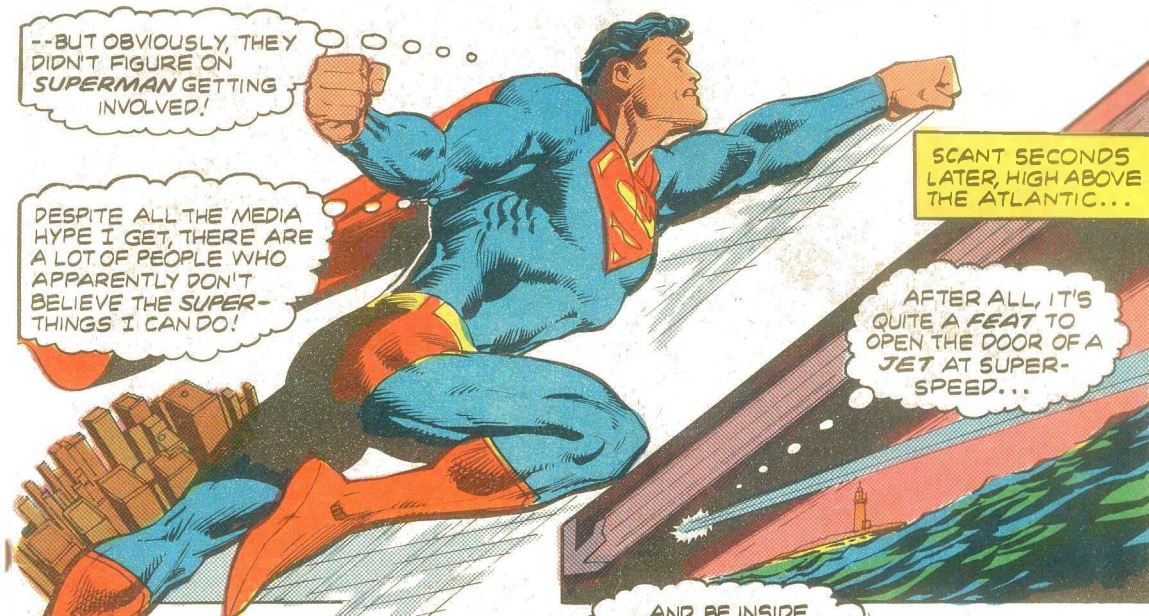
IT'S MATILDA PERKINS ... AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY!

ACTUALLY, IT'S A TAPE RECORDING I MADE TO FOOL BARBARA SO I COULD GET OUT OF HERE IN A HURRY!



TELESCOPIC VISION HAS LOCATED THE PLANE-- MORE THAN AN HOUR FROM ANY LANDING PLACE!

THE TERRORISTS FIGURE THEY HAVE A FOOL-PROOF PLAN--



--BUT OBVIOUSLY, THEY DIDN'T FIGURE ON SUPERMAN GETTING INVOLVED!

DESPITE ALL THE MEDIA HYPE I GET, THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO APPARENTLY DON'T BELIEVE THE SUPER-THINGS I CAN DO!

SCANT SECONDS LATER, HIGH ABOVE THE ATLANTIC...

AFTER ALL, IT'S QUITE A FEAT TO OPEN THE DOOR OF A JET AT SUPER-SPEED...



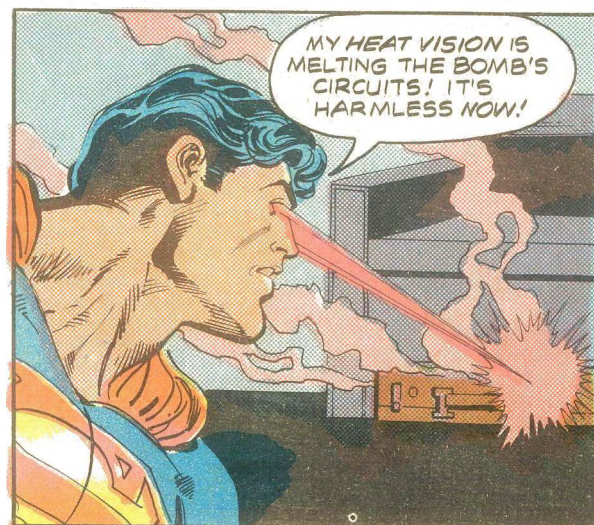
THOMAS -- WHAT'S OUR SON DOING ON THE PLANE?

I HAVE A HUNCH IT'S NOT TO SEE US-- BUT TO SAVE US... FROM HEAVEN KNOWS WHAT!



THE BOMB'S INSIDE THAT CASE, SUPERMAN! WE WERE WARNED IT WOULD EXPLODE IMMEDIATELY IF WE TAMPERED WITH IT!

THANKS, CAPTAIN -- I'LL HANDLE IT FROM HERE!



MY HEAT VISION IS MELTING THE BOMB'S CIRCUITS! IT'S HARMLESS NOW!



REMEMBER, CAPTAIN -- DON'T SEND ANY WORD ABOUT THIS TO GOTHAM INTERNATIONAL!

I WANT THE TERRORISTS TO GO THROUGH WITH THEIR PLAN!

SOME FIFTY MINUTES LATER...

I'VE CLUED IN COMMISSIONER GORDON VIA SUPER-VENTRILLOQUISM NOT TO GIVE IN TO THE TERRORISTS!

THE HOUR IS ALMOST UP, SO THEY'LL BE "DETONATING" THE BOMB JUST ABOUT--

--NOW!

CAPTAIN, DIVE TO AN ALTITUDE OF 2,000 FEET, BELOW RADAR RANGE-- AND STAY THERE TILL YOU GET WORD FROM GOTHAM INTERNATIONAL!

AND AS THE PLANE ZOOMS DOWNWARD, THE MAN OF STEEL ROCKETS TOWARD GOTHAM CITY, 1,000 MILES TO THE WEST...

THE TERRORISTS WILL THINK THE PLANE EXPLODED AND CRASHED INTO THE OCEAN!

MEANWHILE, MY INFRA-RED VISION IS TRACKING THEIR DETONATION-SIGNAL BACK TO ITS SOURCE!

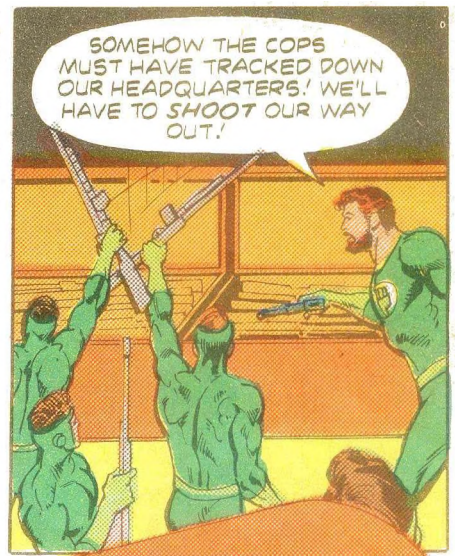
A DESERTED HANGAR, AT THE OTHER END OF THE SIGNAL BEAM...

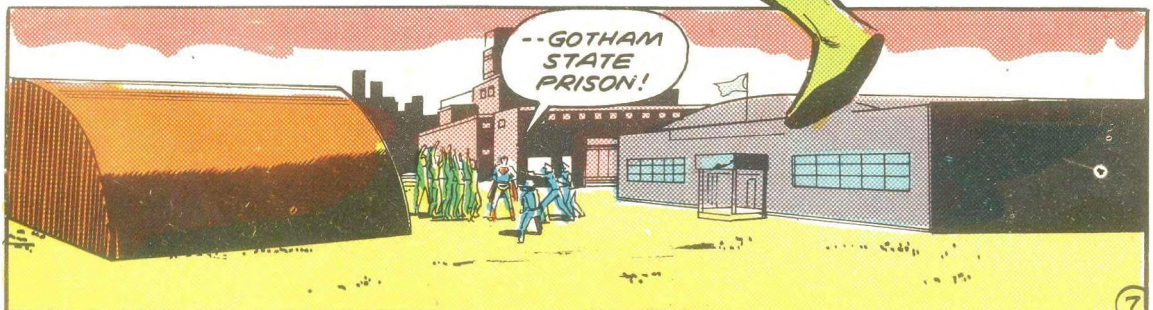
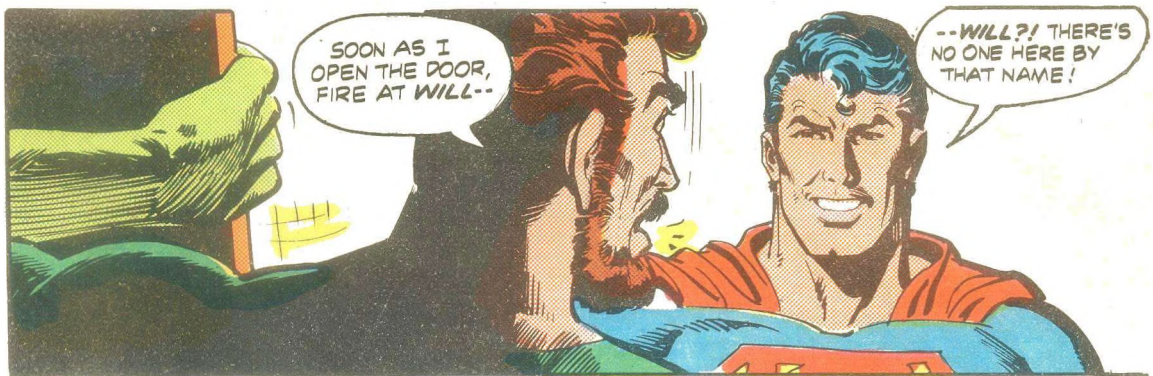
THAT'S IT! THE PLANE'S GONE OFF THE SCREEN!

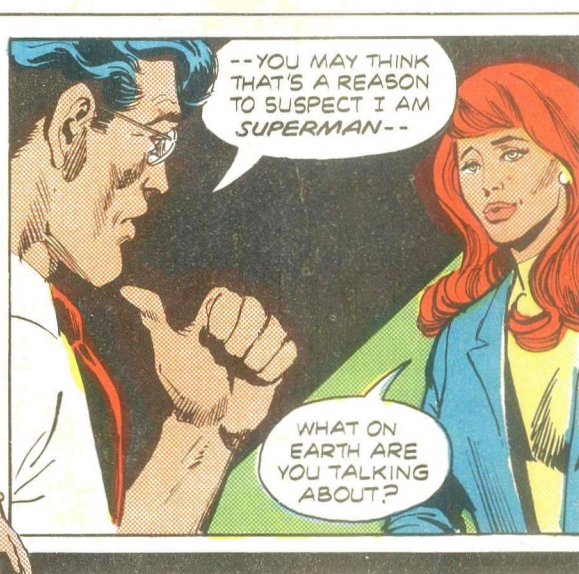
WE SHOWED THESE SUCKERS WHO'S CALLING THE SHOTS!

HOOING INTO THE AIRPORT'S CONTROL-TOWER PAID OFF! THERE'S NO WAY THEY COULD PULL A TRICK ON US!

NEXT TIME WE MAKE A DEMAND, YOU CAN BE SURE THEY'LL JUMP!







AMAR
CHITRA
KATHA

Give your child a gift he'll treasure
forever—the gift of his own heritage
in these specially designed

BUMPER ISSUES

each containing three

Amar Chitra Katha titles :



1. Tales of Hanuman
2. Tales of Birbal
3. Tales from the Panchatantra
4. Tales of Buddha
5. Tales of the Mother Goddess
6. The sons of Shiva
7. Adventures of Krishna
8. Tales from the Hitopadesha
9. The Great Ranas of Mewar
10. Tales of Humour
11. The sons of the Pandavas

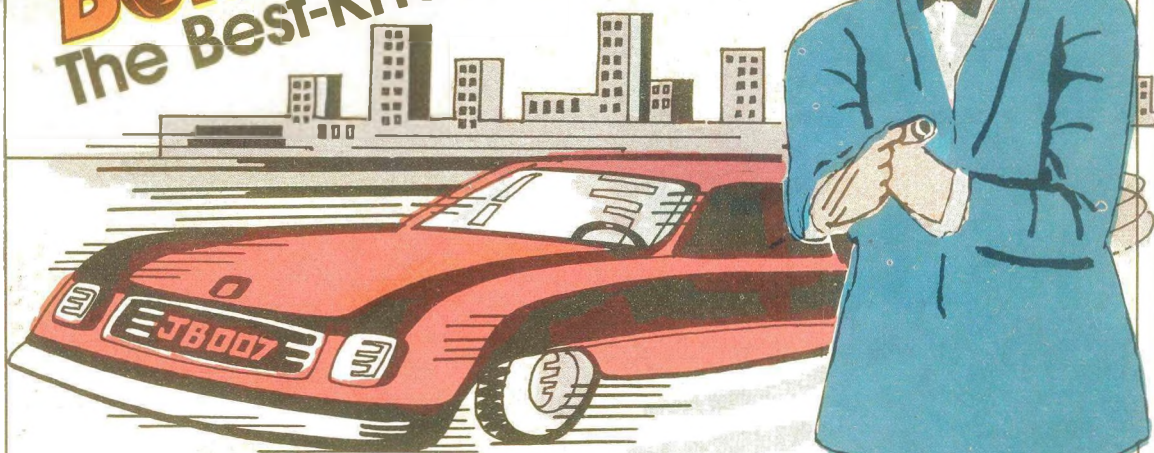
12. Devotees of Vishnu
13. Jataka tales – Animal Stories
14. Poet Saints of North-India
15. Ramakrishna Paramahansa & his tales
16. Tales from the Mahabharata
17. Tales of Gujarat
18. Valiant kings of Ancient India
19. Folktales of Bengal
20. Heroes of the Mahabharata
21. The three Gurus

22. Tales of Revolutionaries
23. Men who fought for Independence-1.
24. Great sons of Bengal
25. Tales of Valiant Queens.
26. Tales of Krishna
27. Tales of Love and Devotion
28. Exploits of Arjuna
29. Tales of Indra
30. Buddhist Legends
31. The Great Mughals-I
32. The Great Mughals-II
33. Heroes of Punjab
34. Tales of Sanjeevani
35. Legends of Orissa



Distributed by
INDIA BOOK HOUSE

Watch out
for another
Super Star Addition to the
STAR Comics Galaxy
JAMES BOND 007
The Best-Known Super Spy



Dashing, Debonair, Deadly With Guns, Girls, Gadgets

Follow his action-packed
adventures every month
as he fights some of the
most deadly villains on earth



Printed, Published & Marketed by

India Book House

Mahalaxmi Chambers, 22, Bhulabhai Desai Road, Bombay-400 026.

Also: featuring: **Laurel & Hardy, Superman, and
Amitabh Bachchan as Supremo.**

Price
Rs 3.50



Dear Madam,

I like to read your LAUREL AND HARDY COMICS. I read your LAUREL AND HARDY COMIC Vol. 1 No. 5 and request you to take more care in drawing pictures, i.e. drawing of tandem-chain.

Will you still publish my letter even though I wrote about the tandem-chain?

B. L. Narayan
Tenali.

Dear B. L. Narayan,

Of course, we will publish your letter – and we have.

We appreciate all letters, and encourage everyone's participation, as STAR COMICS is brought out especially for all youngsters. In fact, your letters need not be only about STAR COMICS. You can write about yourself or about any interesting experience or story you would like to share.

By the way, the drawing in LAUREL AND HARDY is done by artists abroad, and I'm sure they will be happy to read your letter.

Lata

Dear Lata,

I have read many books published by India Book House, and I can say the India Book House published books are the best. Keep it up.

I like STAR COMICS best of all. I want to subscribe to STAR COMICS because I don't want to miss a single Comic.

Yours,

Vanlalsiama
Aizawl, Mizoram.

Dear Star,

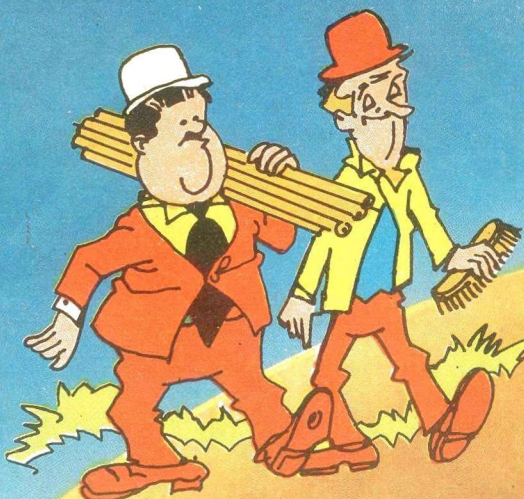
Thank you very much for bringing us LAUREL & HARDY and SUPERMAN. Now I can buy my own comics from my pocket-money and can collect more comics than all my friends. Please give us many more stories for the summer holidays.

Seema Mathur
Colaba, Bombay



zoom into an exciting orbit in the **STAR** galaxy...

The Star Galaxy includes Laurel and Hardy, Superman, Super Spy James Bond 007 and Amitabh Bachchan as Supremo! Released on newsstands on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month.



Price Rs.3.50

Get your copies delivered direct to your home. FREE
Subscription to Star Comics—Rs.84/- for 24 issues.

(Add Rs.3/- for outstation cheques.)

Subscribe today to:

India Book House Magazine Co.,

Eruchshaw Bldg., 249, Dr. D.N. Road, Bombay 400 001.

Printed, Published & Marketed by:

INDIA BOOK HOUSE

STAR
COMICS



The Star event you have been waiting for!

AMITABH BACHCHAN as

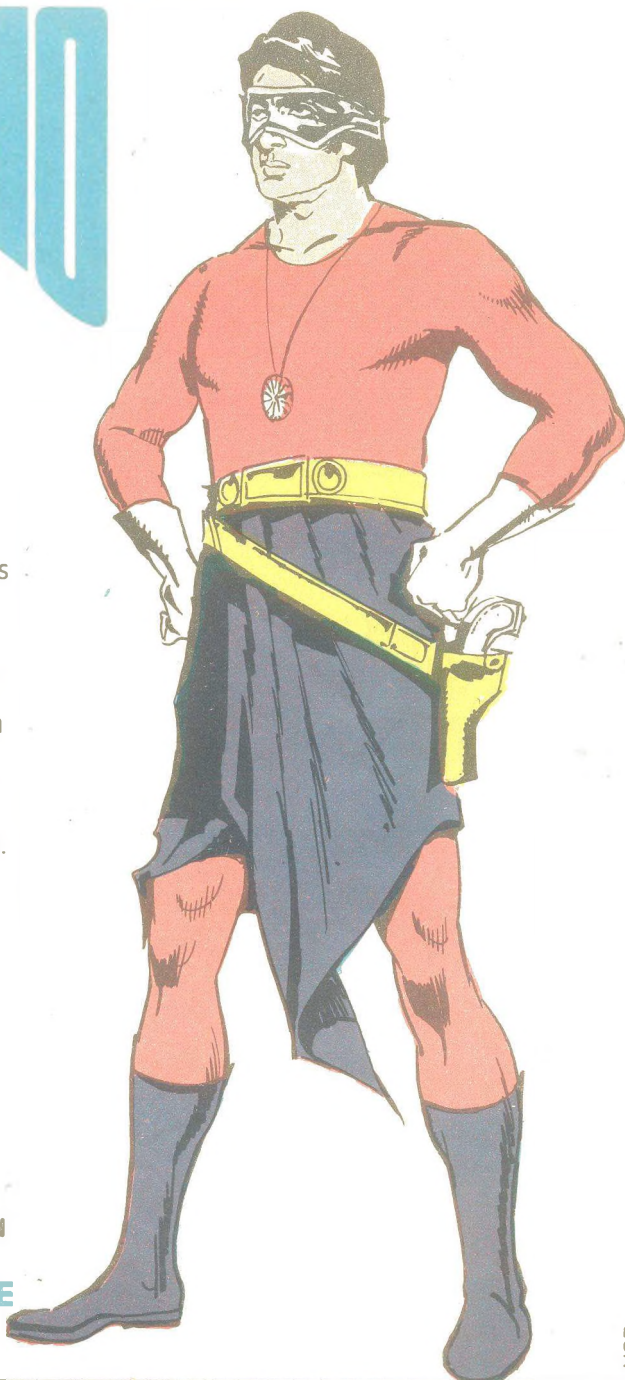
SUPREMO

STAR Comics presents Amitabh Bachchan in a new dimension. Supremo-the bold, daring, courageous Crime-Fighter. And the master of a beautiful, paradisaical island in the Ocean. Far away from the hustle and bustle of the world. But even Paradise is not free from evil. Many a thief, crook and smuggler seeks to make this island his base and hide-away. But keeping a sharp vigil over the island are Supremo's allies:

Vijay, the prankish 'henchboy' who is always chided by Amitabh for his delightful broken English. He shares a teasing rapport with Amitabh and strives to imitate him in every detail. Sonali, Supremo's pet Golden Whale who guards the Ocean around the island. And Shaheen, the Swift Falcon. At the first sign of trouble brewing on the island, Shaheen unerringly wings its way to Amitabh Bachchan, wherever he is. Amitabh Bachchan then becomes Supremo and zooms away to fight these island invaders.

STAR COMICS presents Amitabh Bachchan as Supremo in "The Lost Idol".

Supremo has been penned by Gulzar.

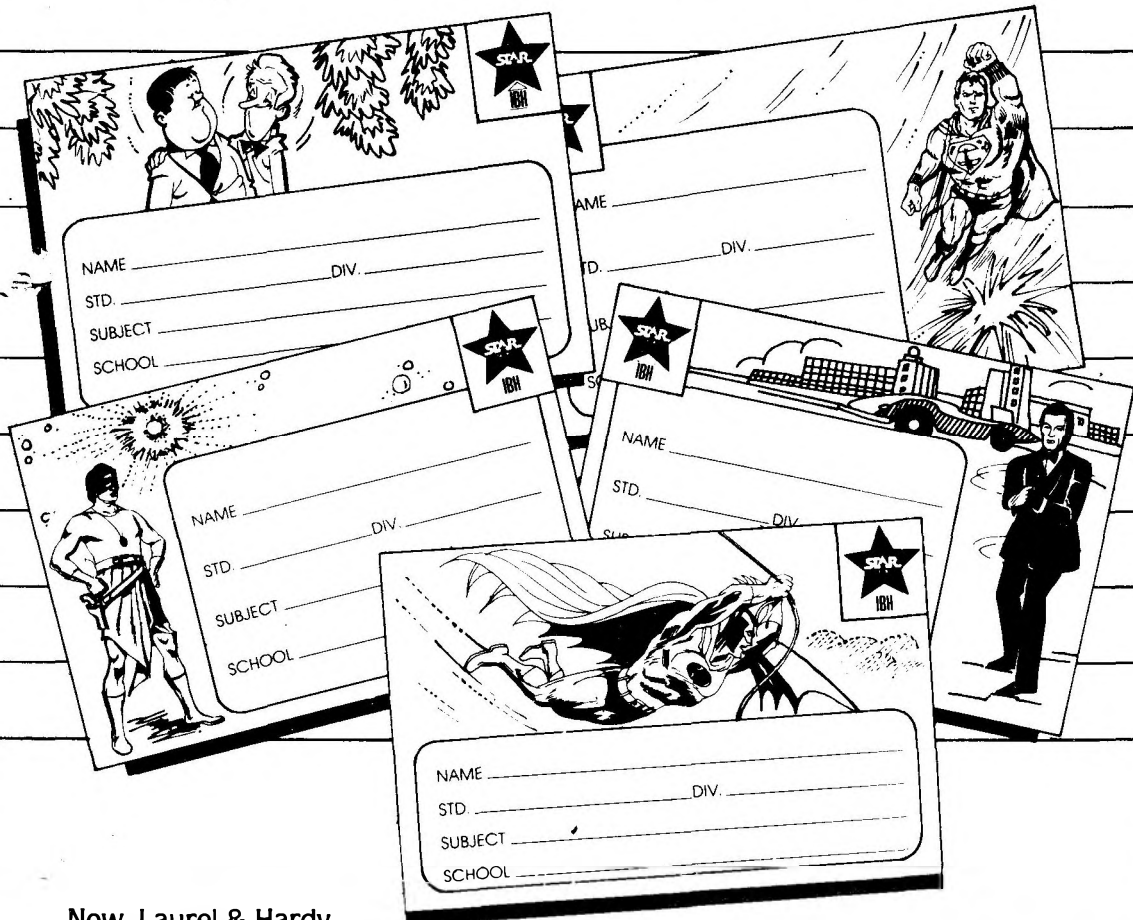


Don't miss your copy!
Price: Rs.4/-

Printed, Published and
Marketed by:

INDIA BOOK HOUSE

Put your favourite Star Heroes on your school-book covers.



Now, Laurel & Hardy,
Superman, Batman, James Bond and
Amitabh Bachchan as Supremo
come to you in a set of 5
colourful labels!

Collect 2 STAR coupons from any 2 STAR Comics and
send them to the address given below. This will entitle
you to receive the 5 colourful STAR Labels shown
above. You can send in any number of coupons. But,
remember, every 2 coupons MUST be accompanied by a
50 paise stamped, self-addressed envelope to enable us
to send you your STAR Labels.



India Book House (Pvt) Ltd.,
501-506, Mahalaxmi Chambers, 5th Flr.,
22, Bhulabhai Desai Road,
Bombay 400 026.



COLOUR LABELS

USP

(Coupon)

Cut Here



I like FARIYAS



My Mummy was there.
My Daddy was there.
My Uncle was there.
Fariyas is big...
more bigger than the world.
Dolly was there.
Dolly was naughty.
I gave Dolly bath in
the swimming pool.
We played in the garden.
Dolly and I had
many ice creams.
Big ice creams.
And chicken.
I have grown taller.
But not as tall as Daddy...

Deluxe
FARIYAS
HOLIDAY
RESORT

I like Fariyas
because Fariyas likes me